

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 14th January 2013

Yamba Surf Club took 15 gold medals, 3 silver and 3 bronze and ranked 12th out of 23 clubs in a sensational result for one of the smallest clubs at the NSW Country Championships at South West Rocks on last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Yamba team of 15 nippers and 18 seniors, aged from under 8 to over 50 years, competed in the full program of beach, water, board, ski and boat events.

The event drew more than 1200 competitors and 4000 spectators

Yamba SLSC nipper gold medalists were Molly Imeson – U8 beach sprint, Kalani Ives - U8 beach flags, Malik Elabbasi- U/8 wade, Malik Elabbasi, Kalani Ives, Gus and Sienna Gilbert- U/8 wade relay, Malik Elabbasi, Kalani Ives, Gus Gilbert & Molly Imeson - U8 beach relay and Hayley Fischer - U/9 flags & beach sprint

Senior gold medalists were Darby Fahey - U19 beach sprint, Marc Adamson, Andrew Bell, Sam Kapeen, Michael Foulds, Rod McSkimming(sweep) – U23 boat race, Joe Dougherty 30-39 years surf race, board race & ironman, Peter Rheinberger 50-59 surf race & board riding and Joe Dougherty & Peter Rheinberger - 30yrs & over board rescue.

Silver medalists were Kalani Ives - U8 beach sprint, Darby Fahey - open beach sprint and Peter Rheinberger - 50-59 rescue tube race

Bronze medals went to Malik Elabbasi – U8 beach sprint, Jorden Elabbasi – U11 surf race and Peter Rheinberger – 50-59 board race

Club competition director Jim Dougherty congratulated all the medallists and all other competitors who competed to the best of their abilities.

Some strong training in recent weeks has seen great improvement in our competitors.

“Thanks also to those Yamba members who acted as officials and water safety personnel over the weekend - without their help these carnivals would not be possible,” Jim said.

Yamba members Hugh Dougherty and Alyce Bennett were also competing on Saturday in the 2nd round of the Kellogs Nutri Grain ironman series at Newcastle Beach.

Both reached the final six in the 5 race eliminator format and both were very unlucky to miss out on a podium finish, and perhaps a win.

Both were in 2nd place and only 50 metres from the beach only to be overtaken by competitors on waves from behind.

Hugh finished 5th and is now in 7th place and Alyce was 6th for equal 5th overall going into round 3 at Portsea on Sunday January 27.

Further rounds are on February 9 (Gold Coast), February 17 (Coolum) and February 24 (Noosa) with all rounds televised live on the Channel 10 network.

Back on Main Beach Yamba on Sunday there were 25 starters in the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf race with a win to William Brighton (off 10 seconds) from Meg Bindon (30 secs) and Chris Dougherty (50 secs).

Handicapper Belinda Sanders said it was a fantastic swim by Meg who has not been in the handicap book since changing her name from Dougherty and was joined in the swim by husband Jim and children Lucy and Charlie.

An earlier Carl Schaeffer swim saw a win James Gonda (off 100 seconds) from Charlie Bindon (60 secs) and Caitlin O'Mahony (70 secs) in a field of 41 starters.

The Yamba SLSC nippers return to the beach on Sunday February 3 with the final 2012/13 season activity day and club presentation on March 10.

Other coming nipper events are the Far North Coast branch championships at Fingal Saturday and Sunday February 2 & 3, Yamba junior club championships Sunday February 17 and the NSW state nipper championships at Umina Beach on Friday to Sunday March 1-3.

Coming senior carnivals are the FNC branch titles at Fingal on Saturday February 10, Brunswick masters Saturday February 16, NSW titles at Umina Friday to Sunday March 8-10 and the Australian titles at North Kirra/Tugun Monday to Sunday April 15-21.

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

The 2013/13 nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Fairways Restaurant @ Yamba Golf & Country Club, Jim's Mowing, LJ Hooker Yamba, Lower Clarence Funerals, Maclean Motors, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Signcraft, Maclean Variety Meats and Melay Independent Floors.

Senior memberships and renewals are still open online at www.lifesavingonline.com.au at the surf club office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am till 12 noon or at Elders Real Estate in Coldstream St during business hours.

All club information, including membership forms and training programs, is available on the web site www.yambaslsc.com.au.

Yamba SLSC senior club sponsors for the 2012/13 season are Gold – Elders Real Estate Yamba, Clarence Valley Council, Yamba Golf & Country Club; Silver - Westlawn Finance, Yamba Shores Tavern, Freemason/MasoniCare, North Coast Heavy Towing, Nortec; Bronze – All Terrain Access, Clarence Valley Review, Maclean Variety Meats, Belinda's Store, The Daily Examiner, Yamba Lions, Yamba Rotary, Daily Examiner, Pacific Hotel, Radio 2GF and Sanctuary Cove Golf.

Yamba SLSC and Maitland Hospital Foundation are the financial beneficiaries of a River Odyssey three week paddle from the Dorrigo Plateau down the Clarence River to Yamba in March 2013.

The paddlers Alex & Stephen Abrahams, Richard Bennett and Bob Wonders will cover 355kms.

The website for donations is www.mycause.com.au

The weekly Yamba SLSC raffles at the Golf Club with 33 terrific meat trays this Saturday January 19 have Allan & Jane Lawrence, Alan Schofield and Ken Ryan selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

- Saturday January 19 9am-1pm Patrol 11: Maddi O'Mahony (c), Melinda O'Mahony, Caitlin O'Mahony,

Emmalee Jesser, Jesse-Clare Beresford, Brittany Smith, Mitchell Lollback, Xahlia Pashen, Caleb Ellem, Vince Boulton

- Saturday January 19 1pm-5pm Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Marc Adamson (vc), Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Ethan Durrington, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton, Reilly Pickering.
- Sunday January 20 9am-1pm Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson(c), Luke Patricks (vc), Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett, Johanna Pettet.
- Sunday January 20 1pm-5pm Patrol 3: Phil Kelly (c), Nicholas Tarrant (vc), Alex Robison, Zac Robison, Daniel Connors, Kris Ryan Clout, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout.

Mike Harvey





