

## **Column: w/c 16/1/12**

The Yamba Surf Club team of 44 competitors won 5 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze medals in age groups from under 9 to over 50 years at the Stramit NSW country titles at South West Rocks on the weekend.

It was a great result for the combined team of juniors and seniors with many competing at their first country titles.

The club congratulates all competitors and appreciates the support of the team managers, officials and water safety personnel who made the carnival possible.

Also thanks the parents and supporters who cheered the competitors and assisted with tents, boards, skis and boats.

The medal winners were:

**Gold:** Peter Rheinberger - 50-59yrs rescue tube race, Joe Dougherty – 30-39yrs male surf race, Mel O'Mahony, Jo King, Leah Essex, Richelle Forbes – 120yrs + female boat race, Liam Foster – 12yrs male beach sprint, Tyler Essex, Josh Morris, Harrison Earle – 9yrs board relay

**Silver:** Peter Rheinberger – 50-59yrs surf race, Joe Dougherty – 30-39yrs board race, Michael Foulds, Marc Adamson, Andrew Bell, Sam Kapeen, Rod McSkimming – under 19yrs male boat race, Junior March Past, Tyler Essex – 9yrs male board race, Hayley Fischer – 8yrs female beach sprint

**Bronze:** – Chris Outteridge – 40-49yrs female board race, Liam Foster – 12yrs flags, Breanna McFarlane – 11yrs female beach sprint, Hayley Fischer – 8yrs flags.

There will be plenty of action on Main Beach this Saturday January 21 from 2pm with the resumption of Yamba SLSC nipper beach and water activities and a Rotary family fun day including sand castle building

There will also be raffle tickets for sale to win Havaiana king size inflatable thongs which been donated by the Yamba Chamber of Commerce and the Aston Motel with all proceeds going to the Yamba SLSC nippers.

The raffle is co-ordinated by Vanessa Brown (0402 533 094) of Massive Event Management, Live Prawn Productions and Yamba nippers.

Tickets will also be sold on Australia Day January 26 prior to the winners draw at 11am.

Handicapper Belinda Sanders advises that there will be Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swims this Sunday and on Australia Day with entries taken at the front steps of the surf club from 11am.

Yamba's Hugh Dougherty is in 9<sup>th</sup> place and Alyce Bennett 19<sup>th</sup> after 2 rounds of the Kelloggs Nutri Grain ironman series with further rounds at Newcastle this Sunday January 22, Perth January 29, Cooloom February 12 and Noosa on February 19.

Training co-ordinator Kim Morgans (6646-2823 - [kmorgans5@bigpond.com](mailto:kmorgans5@bigpond.com)) is taking names for surf rescue certificate candidates (13-14year olds) and for bronze medallion candidates to commence training in February

Congratulations to Thomas Dougherty, Ethan Durrington, Wayne Sutton, Matteo Cervella, Andrew Morris, Wayne Ringland and Brendan Watkins who completed their spinal management course.

There is also board training with club captain Joe Dougherty at Main Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30pm and Saturdays at 8am and nipper board training with Andrew Morris and Tony McFarlane on Sunday 8am-9am.

Yamba is the host club for the Far North Coast branch nipper titles are at Turners Beach on February 4 and 5 and the FNC open titles on February 19 at Main Beach.

The Allphones NSW nipper titles are on March 3 and 4 and the Allphones NSW open titles on March 10 and 11, both at Kingcliff, the Yamba nippers presentation on March 11, the Qld titles at Kurrawa on March 17 and 18 and the Australian titles at Kurrawa March 26 to April 1.

The 2011/12 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.

The Yamba SLSC 2011-12 nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Jim's Mowing, LJ Hooker Yamba, Lower Clarence Funerals, Maclean Motors, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Maclean Variety Meats, Melay Independent Floors, Fairways Restaurant Yamba Golf & Country Club and Signcraft Design.

Registration for all membership categories, including nippers, can be made online via the web site [www.lifesavingonline.com.au](http://www.lifesavingonline.com.au), at Elders Real Estate, Coldstream St during office hours or at the club house during January on Tuesday and Thursday 9am-1.30pm.

The office number is 6646-2463, email: [office@yambaslsc.com.au](mailto:office@yambaslsc.com.au) and the website – [www.yambaslsc.com.au](http://www.yambaslsc.com.au) – has all the current club information.

The weekly Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays from Yamba Fair Butchery are on this Saturday January 21 with Allan & Jane Lawrence, Alan Schofield and Ken Ryan selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols this weekend are:

Saturday January 21 9am-1pm - Patrol 11: James Ryan (c), Harrison Spicer (vc), James Butcher, Sam McLennan, Cody Cameron, Noah Hodgson, Thomas Smith, Tom Woods, Ethan Durrington.

Saturday January 21 1pm-5pm - Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Ed McGrath (vc), Josh Ryan, Nick Agostino, Matteo Cervella, Reilly Pickering, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer.

Sunday January 22 9am-1pm - Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson (c), Abrien Dougherty (vc), Daniel Lollback, Mitch Lollback, Josh Lollback, Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett.

Sunday January 22 1pm-5pm - Patrol 3: Phil Kelly (c), Nicholas Tarrant (vc), Alex Robison, Zac Robison, Daniel Connors, Kris Ryan-Clout, Mitchell Bain, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout.

Wednesday January 26 9am-1pm - Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Zac Frazer, Melinda O'Mahony, Jo King, Leah Essex, Karen Baird, Colleen Hage, Richelle Forbes.

Wednesday January 26 1pm-5pm - Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Greg Levey (vc), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Matthew Saunders, Brendan Watkins, Stephen Morfett.



1. Yamba SLSC club junior march past team were silver medalists at the Stramit NSW country titles at South West Rocks on the weekend.
2. Yamba SLSC boat crew Andrew Bell, Sam Kapeen, sweep Rodney McSkimming, Marc Adamson and Michael Foulds with their silver medals from the Stramit NSW country titles at South West Rocks on the weekend.

Mike Harvey