

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 19th March 2012

Club captain Joe Dougherty is the open male champion and Chris Outteridge the open female champion following the Yamba SLSC club championships at Main Beach on Sunday.

The other champions are Jake Pitkin under 17 male, Maddi O'Mahony under 17 female, Sean Leonard under 15 male and Caitlin O'Mahony under 15 female.

Surf race results were Joe Dougherty open and over 30 male, Chris Outteridge open and over 40 female, Jake Pitkin under 17 male, Maddi O'Mahony under 17 female, Sean Leonard under 15 male, Caitlin O'Mahony under 15 female and Peter Rheinberger over 40 male.

The board races went to Joe Dougherty, Chris Outteridge, Maddi O'Mahony, Jake Pitkin, Sean Leonard and Caitlin O'Mahony and the ironman event to Joe Dougherty, Chris Outteridge and Jake Pitkin.

In the beach sprints Harry Fahey won the open and under 17 male, Chris Outteridge the open female and Sean Leonard the under 15 male while in the beach flags the open and under 17 male went to Harry Fahey, open female Chris Outteridge and under 15 male Sean Leonard.

Jake Pitkin won the open and Harry Fahey the under 17 snake races.

Former Yamba nipper and current Kellogs ironwomen competitor Alyce Bennett, competing for North Burleigh won the open female board race and was third in the open ski at the Queensland state titles in rough conditions at Kurrawa on Sunday.

The Yamba U/19 boat crew of Rod McSkimming (sweep), Sam Kapeen, Andrew Bell, Marc Adamson and Michael Foulds had an eventful day at the Qld titles.

The boys go through to their semi-final which they led until breaking the sweep oar on the last wave while in the lead on the way out to the cans.

Stroke Sam Kapeen jumped out of the boat so sweep Rod McSkimming could commandeer his oar, the 3 rowers turned the cans in 1st place, were smashed on a wave on the way in, lost the sweep overboard, finished with 3 rowers and one oar and were disqualified.

"We had more problems in one row than we usually have him a whole season but it was great experience for the boys," Rod McSkimming said.

The crew will be rowing again, with a new sweep oar, in the under 19 division at the six-day Australian titles at Kurrawa starting on Wednesday March 28

Another Yamba SLSC under 19 crew of Zac Robison, Nick Agostino, Mateo Cervella and Josh Ryan will be swept by Rod McSkimming in the under 23's at the Aussie titles.

Yamba will have 8 masters competitors at the Aussies from Monday and Tuesday March 26 & 27 and 14 open competitors on Wednesday March 28 through to Sunday April 1.

Assessors Geoff Horsey and Linda Horton, with instructor Phil Kelly, awarded Johanna Pettet, Grant Scheffers and Jayden Watkins bronze medallions and Kayla Forrest, Tracy Sowell and Caleb Watkins their surf rescue certificates on the weekend.

The date for the Yamba SLSC nippers 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

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 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 24 with Alan and Jane Lawrence, Alan Schofield and Ken Ryan selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols this weekend are:

- Saturday March 24 9am-1pm - Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Harry Fahey, Jake Pitkin, Barney Howard, Kiah Bennett, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken.
- Sunday March 25 9am-12.30pm - Patrol 11: James Ryan (c), Harrison Spicer (vc), James Butcher, Sam McLennan, Cody Cameron, Noah Hodgson, Thomas Smith, Tom Woods, Ethan Durrington.
- Sunday March 25 12.30pm-4pm - Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Ed McGrath (vc), Josh Ryan, Nick Agostino, Matteo Cervella, Reilly Pickering, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer.



Alyce Bennett - 1st open female board Qld titles Kurrawa 2012