

## Between the Flags

### **BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 20th February 2012**

Yamba SLSC won 12 gold, 9 silver and 11 bronze medals at the Far North Coast branch open/masters titles at Turners Beach on the weekend.

Club captain Joe Dougherty took 3 gold medals in the open surf swim, 30 years + surf swim and the 30 + board race and another 2 golds with the Yamba Old Boys open beach relay team and the open surf team.

Other members of the Old Boys team were Peter Rheinberger, Joe Fahey and Thomas Smith while the other three in the open surf team were Joe Fahey, Peter Rheinberger and Mitch Lollback.

Jake Pitkin and Thomas Smith won the open board rescue, Darby Fahey the under 19 flags, Darby & Harry Fahey, Thomas Dougherty and Kealy Day the under 17 sprint relay.

Other gold medalists were John Fahey in the 30+ ironman, Peter Rheinberger 50+ beach sprint, Bill Onslow 60+ tube race and the open womens boat crew.

Former Yamba nippers Hugh Dougherty and Alyce Bennett competed in the final round of the Kellogs Nutri Grain ironman/woman at Noosa Heads on Sunday

Hugh was among the leader through the 4 elimination rounds and was 4th in the final to secure an overall 7th place in the series and automatic qualification for the 2012/13 event while Alyce continued her improvement with an 8th for a 12th overall.

The Yamba nippers held their club championship on Saturday morning which will be an excellent final hitout before the Far North Coast branch nippers titles at Turners Beach this Saturday and Sunday.

The nipper of the week was Maddison Earle from the under 7's who showed enthusiasm, effort and sportsmanship and according to her age manager Kerri Wunderlich " participates in everything every week with a big smile".

Maddison receives a Cold Block icecream from The Block bar/café.

The Yamba nippers will be back on Main Beach on Sunday March 4 for their normal beach and water activities from 9am.

Sunday March 11 will be the last nippers day and the presentations for the 2011/12 season with fun activities from 9am-10.3am, presentation from 10.45 and a free sausage sizzle and drinks for the nippers.

The Yamba nippers are 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](mailto:tkmac1996@bigpond.com)

The Yamba seniors club championship will be at Main Beach on Sunday March 18.

The current points score in the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim, which is swum on Sundays at 11am, is Sean Leonard 72, Jack Leonard 43 and Joe Dougherty 35 points.

The Far North Coast branch will send two 15-17 surf lifesavers to a Youth Opportunity Makers Worskshop at Collaroy in Sydney on April 17-20.

Yamba SLSC is looking for nominations, from qualified members, to submit to the FNC branch for the selection process by Monday March 5.

Nomination forms are available from the Yamba SLSC office or Elders Real Estate, Coldstream St, Yamba.

Surf boat captain Rod McSkimming (mob: 0427 275 742) is looking for rowers to travel 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.

A fundraising program is planned to cover the costs of a Yamba SLSC team of 8 rowers and 2 sweeps for this unique and special event which is expected to draw 100 Australian, New Zealand and Turkish boat crews.

Training co-ordinator Kim Morgans (6646-2823 - [kmorgans5@bigpond.com](mailto:kmorgans5@bigpond.com)) and his team has a bronze squad ready for assessment in early March and surf rescue certificate award (13-14year olds) and IRB captain squads to start training shortly.

Kim Morgans is the contact for ARTC, spinal management and basic beach management courses at Lennox Head in March and April.

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.

Coming events are the Allphones NSW nipper titles on March 3 and 4 and the Allphones NSW open titles on March 10 and 11, both at Kingscliff, the Qld titles at Kurrawa on March 17 and 18 and the Australian titles at Kurrawa March 26 to April 1.

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.

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.

The club office number is 6646-2463, email: [office@yambaslsc.com.au](mailto: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 Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays from Yamba Fair Butchery are on this Saturday February 25 with Brian & Heather Badgery, Geoff & Margaret Solomon selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols this weekend are:

- Saturday February 25 9am-1pm - Patrol 9: Brendan O'Mahony (c), Luke Patricks (vc), Joe McGrath, Jack Morrissey, Kealy Day, Thomas Dougherty
- Sunday February 26 9am-12.30pm - Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Harry Fahey, Jake Pitkin, Barney Howard, Kiah Bennett, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken.
- Sunday February 26 12.30pm-4pm - Patrol 11: James Ryan (c), Harrison Spicer (vc), James Butcher, Sam McLennan, Cody Cameron, Noah Hodgson, Thomas Smith, Tom Woods, Ethan Durrington.

Mike Harvey

