

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 21st January 2013

William Brighton off 40 seconds copped an extra 20 seconds handicap for his win the previous Sunday and made it two wins and two chocolate billabongs in a row at Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Carl Schaeffer memorial surf swim at the Main Beach on Sunday.

There were 24 starters under the control of handicapper and competitor Geoff Sanders who indicated that the Brighton double would attract another substantial handicap penalty next week.

"He was off the beach before most of the field finished," Geoff said.

The minor placings were filled by Jordan Elabassi (90 seconds) and Harry Fahey (70 secs)

There will swims held this Australia Day Long weekend on Sunday and Monday with registration on the front steps of the clubhouse from 11am and a start at 11.30am

Yamba members Hugh Dougherty, currently in 7th place and Alyce Bennett, in equal 5th place, will compete in the 3rd round of the Kellogs Nutri Grain ironman series at Newcastle Beach at Portsea, Victoria, this Sunday January 27.

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

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,

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A team of walkers, canoe and raft paddlers will tackle the Nymboida, Mann and Clarence River system in a 3 week/355 km downstream River Odyssey from Barren Mountain on the Dorrigo Plateau to Yamba in March this year.

The paddle is raising funds for the Maitland Hospital Foundation and Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club - donations can be made at www.mycause.com.au/page/54157

Alex & Stephen Abrahams, Richard Bennett, Bob Wonders, Paul Macdonald and Shaun Walsh will start the paddle at the source of the Nymboida River on Barren Mountain, 1470 metres above sea level.

The first stage will involve 3 days walking to reach sufficient water and avoid the 90 metre drop at Rob Roy Falls, 2 days canoeing and 2 days rafting to reach the Nymboida Hotel on March 15.

Brothers Alex and Stephen with Richard and Bob will complete the paddle into the Mann and Clarence Rivers to finish at sea level on Main Beach Yamba, subject to good weather, a good flow in the rivers and suitable tides/swell, on March 26.

The weekly Yamba SLSC raffles at the Golf Club with 33 terrific meat trays this Saturday January 26 have Greg Levey, Bill Onslow, Ian Goodman, Brian & Anne Jones selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

- Saturday January 26 9am-1pm Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Zac Fraser, Mike Smith, Jo King, Leah Essex, Colleen Hage, Erin Johns, Helen Clare.
- Saturday January 26 1pm-5pm Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Greg Levey (vc), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Matthew Saunders, Brendan Watkins, Stephen Morfett, Caleb Watkins, Jaydan Watkins, Tristan Watkins, Alicia Cumberland.
- Sunday January 27 9am-1pm Patrol 6: Mark Symons (c), Roger Varcoe, Tony McFarlane, Teagan McFarlane, Joe McGrath, Rachel Fahey, Lucy Bindon, Tarni Forbes, James Browne.
- Sunday January 27 1pm-5pm Patrol 7: Matteo Cervella (c), Josh Ryan (vc), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Agostini, Julia Hodgson, Sally Gilbert, Bella Gilbert, Mark Chiaruttini.
- Monday January 28 9am-1pm Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Simon Worboys, Jo Worboys, Caitlin Cooney, Will Brighton, Pierre De Billot, Patrick De Billot.
- Monday January 28 1pm-5pm Patrol 9: Brendan O'Mahony (c), Jake Pitkin, Harry Fahey, Jack Morrissey, Kealy Day, Thomas Dougherty, Noah Hodgson, Angus O'Mahony, Thomas Smith, Marty Rose, Zac Sullivan, Will Pitkin.

Mike Harvey