

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 22nd October 2012

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club had another big field of 36 competitors for the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim won by one of the backmarkers Jake Pitkin off 160 seconds at Main Beach on Sunday.

Jake, who won a dramatic sprint up the beach from Ben Plunkett (off 90 seconds) with Wes Stojko (off 60 seconds) in third place, can expect to be more of a backmarker next start when the handicapper Belinda Sanders add more time to his handicap.

With proficiencies complete the nippers had their usual Sunday training, skill programs and fun events with on Sunday.

Volunteer nipper parents and helpers are needed each week to help with the beach and water activities and also to assist Steve and Debbie at the BBQ.

Board and ocean swim training for the under 8 and older age groups are conducted through the week by Andrew Morris (0432 809 784) and Rob Imeson (0428 462 526) while Lee Johns has a march past group underway for under 9's and older.

Coming carnivals are at Cabarita under 12's & older on October 28, Salt under 8's & older November 11, Yamba branch carnival under 8's & older November 25 and Byron Bay teams (U8-U14) December 2

The Yamba SLSC nipper 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.

All club information, including membership forms, is available on the web site www.yambaslsc.com.au while club and nipper memberships can be taken out online at www.lifesavingonline.com.au.

Yamba SLSC club sponsors for the 2012/13 season are Gold – Elders Real Estate Yamba, Clarence Valley Council, Yamba Golf & Country Club; Silver - .Westlawn Investments, 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.

Education director/chief training officer Kim Morgans and his team have finalized 4 training courses, started a new bronze squad on Sunday and have ARTC and SRC courses planned.

The Far North Coast branch is also conducting beach and spinal management courses

The Yamba SLSC under 23 boat crew will have their first race for the season at the Queensland Navy Series at Surfers Paradise on November 3 and 4 as they continue training and fundraising to compete in the World Titles in Glenelg, SA on November 16-18.

Jim Dougherty, Ben Plunkett and Chris Outteridge will also compete in World Title masters events on November 8 and 9.

Former Yamba nippers Hugh Dougherty (Tugun) and Alyce Bennett (North Burleight) will compete in their 8th consecutive Kellogs Nutri Grain Ironman & Ironwoman series with 6 rounds starting at Scarborough Beach, Perth, WA on Sunday December 23.

The series, which includes rounds on January 12 & 27, February 9, 17 & 24, will be shown live by the Channel 10 network.

Other coming carnivals are Byron Bay seniors November 17/18, Coffs craft November 24, NSW inter-branch at Blackhead December 8 & 9, Combined high schools at Yamba November 9 and Cudgen seniors December 16..

Yamba SLSC will have a 2nd and final proficiency test on Sunday November 4 and the annual ocean swims on Sunday December 30.

The weekly Yamba Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays are on this Saturday October 27 with Bob Darby, Greg Zietsch, Grant & Jo Bennett and Rick Harris selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

- Saturday October 27 9am-1pm: Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Sam Connor, James Connor, Barney Howard, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken, Julian May, Clayton Marshall.
- Sunday October 28 9am-12.30pm: Patrol 11: Maddi O'Mahony (c), Melinda O'Mahony, Caitlin O'Mahony, Emmalee Jesser, James Butcher, Sam McLennan, Cody Cameron, Daniel Lollback, Mitchell Lollback, Josh Lollback.
- Sunday October 28 12.30-4pm: Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Marc Adamson (vc), Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Ethan Durrington, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton.

Mike Harvey