

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 23rd January 2012

In form Yamba SLSC club captain Joe Dougherty used his swimming and body surfing skills to win the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap swim off 190 seconds from Jake Pitkin (140 secs) and Charlie Crawford (100 secs) in a small field of competitors at Main Beach on Sunday

In Newcastle on Sunday in the 3rd round of the Kellogs Nutri-Grain ironman series Yamba's Alyce Bennett showed her surf skills in tough windy conditions and a big swell to finish 3rd and move up the overall standings to 10th place.

Yamba's Hugh Dougherty was 12th and is now 11th overall with both these former Yamba nippers in good form for round 4 in Perth January 29, Coolum February 12 and Noosa on February 19.

The nippers were back on Main Beach for their first day in 2012 on Saturday afternoon and a big roll-up of parents and their children enjoyed the beach and water sports and all the Rotary family fun day activities including sand castle building.

Nipper activities will be at Turners Beach this Sunday January 29 from 9am to 11am in preparation for the Far North Coast branch titles at Turners on February 4 and 5.

Plenty of helpers for the BBQ, work party to set-up and pack-up the beach and many other jobs are needed - contact Kerri Wunderlich on 0400 271 168 to volunteer.

There will be no nipper activities on the titles weekend or when the Far North Coast senior titles are held at Main Beach on February 19 but normal Sunday nipper activities will be at Main Beach on February 12 and March 4.

The nippers club championship day with flags, sprints, swim and board events is on Sunday February 26.

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.

There will be plenty of activity on Australia Day this Thursday January 26 with the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim, a big club BBQ with steak, snags and rissoles, Jason and his Kiosk staff serving meals and refreshments.

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

Tickets will be sold prior to the winners draw at 11am. Training co-ordinator Kim Morgans (6646-2823 - kmorgans5@bigpond.com) is taking names for surf rescue certificate candidates (13-14year olds) and for bronze medallion candidates to commence training in February

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.

Andrew and Tony took 15 nippers on a paddle from Main Beach to Turners Beach and back on Sunday and was great to see a group of nipper mums, who have just received their bronze medallions, having a board paddle on Main Beach.

Other coming events are 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 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, 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 and the website – 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 Chris Bonner, Greg Levey, Bill Onslow and Ian Goodman selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols this weekend are:

- Saturday January 28 9am-1pm - Patrol 6: Mark Symons (c), Chris Outteridge (vc), Roger Varcoe (vc), Shauni Forrest, Ashlee Forrest, Tony McFarlane, Teagan McFarlane, Amber Hoare.
- Saturday January 28 1pm-5pm - Patrol 7: Morgan Bramwell-Baker (c), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Bell, Marc Adamson, Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Julia Hodson.
- Sunday January 29 9am-1pm - Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Simon Worboys, Jo Worboys, Lynette McQueen, Maddison O'Mahony, Emmalee Jesser, Keiran Jones, Caitlin O'Mahony.
- Sunday January 29 1pm-5pm - Patrol 9: Brendan O'Mahony (c), Luke Patricks (vc), Joe McGrath, Jack Morrissey, Kealy Day, Thomas Dougherty .

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