

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 28th January 2013

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swims were cancelled over the long weekend due to the climatic and ocean conditions

There was no change to the overall season points score which, with February, March and April swims remaining, is led by Jorden Elabbasi 55 points from Noah Hodgson 49, Kealy Day 47, Ben Plunkett 43, Scott Greensill 41, Sean Leonard 39, Thomas Dougherty 34 and Charlie Bindon 29 points.

The monthly mug winner for November/December was Kealy Day with 26 points from Noah Hodgson 18,

Sean Leonard 18, Angus O'Mahony 17, Jorden Elabbasi 16, Peter Rheinberger 15 Scott Greensill 14,

Dubbo Lawrence 14, Thomas Dougherty 13 and Martin Dougherty 12 points

The January monthly mug winner was Will Brighton with 20 points from Charlie Bindon 15, Jorden Elabbasi 11, Caitlin O'Mahony 11, Harry Fahey 10, Sean Leonard 10 and Ben Plunkett 10 points

Handicapper Belinda Sanders cannot recall a season where the overall point score has been so close without a clear cut leader.

"At this stage in the season anyone can win with a single race likely to make a significant change to the leaderboard.

"I suggest consistency and constant participation is the best advice for anyone hungry enough to want the prestigious title.

"The 2012/13 season winner will follow in the footsteps of greats like Geoff "Sleepy" Sanders and current club captain Joe Dougherty.

The next swim will be this Sunday February 3 at Main Beach with registration on the front steps of the clubhouse from 11am and a start at 11.30am

Yamba members Hugh Dougherty and Alyce Bennett competed in the 3rd round of the Kellogs Nutri Grain ironman series at Portsea, Victoria, on Sunday.

Hugh was 6th in the 1st race but suffered a dislocated shoulder and was unable to take any further part in the 3 event competition while Alyce was 12th and 13th in her races.

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

The Yamba SLSC nippers return to the beach this 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 this 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, Lower Clarence Funerals, 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

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Examiner, Pacific Hotel, Radio 2GF and Sanctuary Cove Golf.

A team of walkers, canoe and raft paddlers will tackle the Nymboida, Mann and Clarence River system in a 3 week/377 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.mycase.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 February 2 have Greg & Nicole Don, Kerry & Trish Pidcock selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

Saturday February 2 9am-1pm Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Sam Connor, James Connor, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken, Julian May, Clayton Marshall, Vincent Gizzard.

Sunday February 3 9am-12.30pm Patrol 11: Maddi O'Mahony (c), Melinda O'Mahony, Caitlin O'Mahony, Emmalee Jesser, Jesse-Clare Beresford, Brittany Smith, Mitchell Lollback, Xahlia Pashen, Caleb Ellem, Vince Boulton.

Sunday February 3 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Marc Adamson (vc), Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Ethan Durrington, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton, Reilly Pickering.

Mike Harvey