

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 29th October 2012

It was a tough swim in difficult conditions but 10 year-old nipper Sophie Watson (off 20 seconds) showed the benefit of her pool swimming background to win the Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim at Main Beach on Sunday

Sophie, who is a good chance to win the monthly points score, beat Michael Salvestro, off a much reduced 40 second handicap (the handicapper Belinda Sanders is watching) and last year's overall winner Sean Leonard (120 secs).

There were 4 Yamba nippers at the Cabarita carnival where the poor conditions forced the cancellation of the junior water events and Brianna McFarlane was 1st in the flags and 2nd in the sprint.

At the Cudgen carnival under 10 boys Harrison Earle, Josh Morris and Tyler Essex competed well in their first ironman and were 6th in the board relay, Jordan Elabassi was 4th in the under 11 boys ironman in which Pat O'Mahony showed promise.

The boys relay team were delighted with the offer from the Harwood Hotel to provide a bus and driver (Shane Essex) for transport to and from Cudgen.

The final proficiency test for intending patrol members will be held next Sunday November 4 from 8.30am with testing on signals, radio, resuscitation, run-swim-run and board or tube rescue.

IRB, ARTC and spinal proficiencies will also be conducted.

There were reduced numbers due to the Cabarita and Cudgen carnivals and the chilly weather but there was still plenty of enthusiastic and fun nipper activity, including water safety and tug-of-war on Main Beach on Sunday.

The under 7's learnt the crab crawl and tackled the tug-of-war while the under 13's had a to and back board paddle to Convent Beach.

There will be the usual nippers next Sunday with sign on at 9am for a 9.15 am start and another chance to prepare for the branch carnival at Yamba on November 25.

However there will be no nippers on Sunday November 11 with age managers, water safety officials and other helpers either away or at carnivals and not enough officials and helpers to run the local events.

All parents are asked to introduce themselves to their childrens age managers and offer to help with the smooth, safe and efficient running of the weekly nippers program.

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 the Salt under 8's & older November 11, Yamba branch carnival under 8's & older November 25 and Byron Bay teams (U8-U14) December 2

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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, has a bronze squad underway and have ARTC and SRC courses planned.

The Yamba SLSC under 23 boat crew will have their first race for the season at the Queensland Navy Series at Surfers Paradise this Saturday & Sunday 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 Burleigh) 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..

The annual Yamba Ocean Swims with 700 metre, 2000 metre and dash for cash events are on Sunday December 30.

Yamba SLSC and Maitland Hospital Foundation are the beneficiaries from a fundraising effort for A River Odyssey three week paddle from the Dorrigo Plateau down the Clarence River to Yamba in March 2013.

The paddlers Alex & Stephen Abrahams, Richard Bennett and Bob Wonders will cover 355kms.

The website for donations is www.mycause.com.au,

The weekly Yamba Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays are on this Saturday November 3 with Brian & Heather Badgery, Geoff & Margaret Solomon selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

- Saturday November 3 9am-1pm: Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson(c), Luke Patricks (vc), Grant Scheffers, Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett, Johanna Pettet.

- Sunday November 4 9am-12.30pm Patrol 3: Phil Kelly (c), Nicholas Tarrant (vc), Alex Robison, Zac Robison, Daniel Connors, Kris Ryan Clout, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout.
- Sunday November 4 12.30-4pm: Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Zac Fraser, Mike Smith, Jo King, Leah Essex, Karen Baird, Colleen Hage, Richelle Forbes, Erin Johns.

Mike Harvey