

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 30th January 2012

Yamba SLSC member Hugh Dougherty was 4th and Alyce Bennett 20th in the 4th round of the Kellogs Nutri -Grain ironman series in hot, choppy and windy conditions in Perth on Sunday.

The event was held between Scarborough and Cottlesloe beaches with the men racing over 22.8kms with out and back double board, ski, swim and run legs and the women over 11.2km with single board, ski, swim and run legs.

Hugh, who is now 11th overall, was up with the leaders throughout the race and finished strongly while Alyce, now 14th overall, started well but suffered badly from cramps.

Both will be aiming to improving their standings in the coming rounds at Coolum February 12 and Noosa on February 19.

There were no nipper activities at Turners Beach on Sunday due to the weather and sea conditions and at this stage the Far North Coast branch titles at Turners this Saturday and Sunday February 4 and 5 are still on with a final decision later this week'

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 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 flag, sprint, 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.

The weather and sea conditions dampened the Australia Day celebrations on Main Beach with only a few hardy patrols members and associates enjoying a BBQ sausage and a stubby

The 200 club main prize went to Ray O'Brien and Geoff Grayson with minor draws to Peter James, Grant Bennett, Scott Morschel, Nigel Scott, Peter Fahey, Sarah Scott, Mick Smith, Ron Bell, Cliff Lowien, Geoff Schaeffer, Steve Casson, Denise Gillies, Evan Lewis, Chris Dougherty and Trevor Gorman.

The inclement weather also deferred the sale of raffle tickets for the Havaiana king size inflatable thongs which been donated by the Yamba Chamber of Commerce and the Aston Motel with all proceeds going to the Yamba SLSC nippers.

Tickets will now be sold during the Far North Coast branch nipper titles at Turners Beach this Saturday and Sunday.

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.

Other coming events are Allphones NSW nipper titles 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 February 4 with Greg & Nicole Don, Kerry & Trish Pidcock selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols this weekend are:

- Saturday February 4 9am-1pm - Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Harry Fahey, Jake Pitkin, Barney Howard, Kiah Bennett, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken.
- Saturday February 4 1pm-5pm - Patrol 11: James Ryan (c), Harrison Spicer (vc), James Butcher, Sam McLennan, Cody Cameron, Noah Hodgson, Thomas Smith, Tom Woods, Ethan Durrington.
- Sunday February 5 9am-1pm - Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Ed McGrath (vc), Josh Ryan, Nick Agostino, Matteo Cervella, Reilly Pickering, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer.
- Sunday February 5 1pm-5pm - Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson (c), Abrien Dougherty (vc), Daniel Lollback, Mitch Lollback, Josh Lollback, Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett.

Mike Harvey