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PONDERINGS FROM THE PRES...

As we head rapidly toward another Aussie Titles week I wanted to take the time to recount a few of the activities since my last report prior to Christmas. I hope everyone enjoyed their New Year festivities if you can remember back that far and I hope everyone is safe and well.

The Christmas Day patrols were again well attended and I would like to thank all that helped out. Your assistance is appreciated by all members. Personally I think it is a good thing that the day is able to be run as a voluntary effort and we are not forced to roster people on this special day.

I would also like to thank all the people that assisted with our very busy January. Golf Day, East Coast Masters, Young Guns and the Interstate series was a lot to have over a very short period. As usual it was the same faces backing up for each of these events. It would be really great if a few more people started coming out of the wood work. If you look at the same old faces they are not getting any younger so some extra assistance will go a long way. The Golf Day committee of Kenyon McKie, Graham Hart, Martin Bowyer and Greg Broome out did themselves this year. We achieved just over \$20,000.00 that can go toward keeping our beaches safe, well done.

We are now into the championships time of year. All sections of the Club did very well at the Branch Championships. We not only achieved a number of medals we had a large number of competitors make finals. All members did themselves and their club proud. Over the past two weekends we have had the Junior and Open State Championships. At all levels there have been some standout results. The Nippers weekend which this year I was unfortunately unable to attend went very well. Lots of smiling, happy faces and a good number of finals. Bluto will cover in more detail in his report.

The Open Championships also went extremely well. Again all sections of the club performed well with good medal tally's and a great number of people making finals. To make the final at State level is really an accomplishment. The end result Collaroy finished 7th overall in the State. Individual report will be by section Captains.

At this point it would be remiss of me not to thank that band of volunteers who man to beach over the Championship weekends. As usual the State weekend was well covered and to all that assisted thank you. In fact the patrol inspection had on the Saturday achieved a 196/200 assessment, well done.

Starting March 16 is the Australian Championships. This year our Team Manager is Richard Trim and he has a great team assisting him. As you will all have seen by now you have a number of time lines to meet. Please assist the touring team by meeting these time lines. If you have any doubts look further into this CRAB and you will find the time lines there.

I would like to wish all our competitors luck for the up coming Championships. I know each and everyone of you will do your best to make your families and Club proud of you. As we will not all be staying in the same place I ask all of you to look out for each other. At the Team meeting Trimmy will be handing out contact cards. If you have any problems or any questions do not hesitate to call either Trimmy or myself.

I know I don't have to say this, but, I will anyway. All members are asked to respect the rules and regulations in all areas. Collaroy has a very proud tradition of not having hassles whilst away and I would very much like to see it stay that way.

In the end it is not really how many medals we win it is really how we all perform overall. Not just in the competition, but, in all areas associated. To all members travelling take care and for those that are driving take it easy on the roads.

I look forward to reporting on the results in a few weeks time. Also the now traditional Good Friday Seafood Lunch is on again. See the flyer for details.

Greg MacMahon

TOURING TEAM NOTICE OF MEETING

Australian Titles Kurrawa Beach, QLD March 16-21, 2010

A Touring Team meeting is to be convened on **Sunday March 7th**. This mandatory meeting is for our entire touring party, competitors and supporters. It will convene at **9.00am for a 9.15am** start and is envisaged to last ½ hour. It will cover all aspects of the Championships and is our final opportunity to get together before heading north to Queensland. **If unable to attend, a member of your family or guardian must be in attendance.**

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Introduction of the **Touring Team Committee** and **Team Captain**
2. **Code of Conduct** must be completed and handed in on Sunday. The Code of Conduct is mandatory and must be signed (by a parent or guardian if under 18). Should it not be received, you will not be able to compete - no exceptions.
3. To assist with logistics, the **Questionnaire** needs to be completed in its entirety.
4. **\$30 touring levy** must also be finalised
5. Distribution of your **Touring Team shirt**. We are grateful for the sponsorship of Raine and Horne, Collaroy, for our shirts again this year.
6. Distribution of **Program & Competitor Event Lists**
7. Distribution of a **phone directory card**. This is a handy wallet size communication tool containing contact mobile numbers for key surf club personnel. This will be complimented by operational radios working between all competition areas.
8. The official SLSA 2010 Aussies **website** is <http://aussiechamps.com.au/Home.aspx>
9. **Team Dinner**. The Sunday evening dinner has been confirmed at Surfers Paradise Rugby Union Club. The address is Fremar Street, Broadbeach Waters (a few kilometres west of Kurrawa)
Dinner will be served at 8.00pm (**SHARP**)
We are planning for transport to be available to the Club and then to Surfers or home
To offset the expense a nominal fee \$5 will be payable upon boarding the bus.
10. **People Mover**. For the duration of the Aussies, we have hired a people mover. It will primarily be used for moving people from arena to arena should the need arise. The vehicle is available for emergency situations or for transport in the evenings, upon consultation with myself. We are grateful to Angel Limousines via Graham and Sue Hart who are sponsoring the rental of the vehicle.
11. **Physiotherapist**: Neil Gregory has donated his expertise during the Carnival
12. **Disciplinary Committee**. As a matter of procedure we have, as at all Australian Championships, formed a Judiciary panel should an incident arise. One does not expect trouble from any member of our touring party, as Collaroy and Surf Life Saving Australia have an excellent reputation in all areas, especially behavior. We again will be entrusted with the care of members under the age of 18 by some non traveling parents. Accordingly, a judiciary panel has been established by the club to handle complaints or misdemeanors whilst we are away. This panel will be announced at the meeting.

A final Bulletin will be issued in the week leading to departure containing house keeping matters and in particular a paragraph on behavior and our responsibilities as Surf Life Savers. The Collaroy Surf Club takes this issue very seriously.

I trust that you will all be in attendance at this meeting and on behalf of President Greg MacMahon, and the Touring Committee, may I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the State Championships this weekend.

Richard Trim - Touring Team Manager
richardtrim@bigpond.com (0419 417 057)

Club Captain's Report



I would like to pass on my congratulations to all of our competitors at all levels so far, and wish all of the members traveling up to the Aussies the best of luck. The results have been outstanding and I'm sure we can keep them going for the Australian titles

As usual, when the State and Australian titles are on, we have our voluntary patrols. I would like to thank the following team who made the beach safe, had a Patrol inspection, and watched out for a Tsunami

Saturday –

Craig Bathie, Jasmine Bathie, Arto Jormanainen, Michael Bullivant, Michael Mallet, Tim Loone, Craig Stephens, Helen Jackman and Doug Patrick

Sunday –

Patrick Canavan, Michael Mallet, Kristy Inkster, Craig Thomas, Clive Thompson, Michael Bullivant, Shaun Taylor, Phil Cranch, Kristy Hook, Scarlett Reefman, Tierney Gibbens, Christina McPhee, Jordan Sole and Andrew Sole.

If you see these members, please remember to thank them, as the club would not have been able to compete without their support.

Luke Hochkins
Club Captain

DATES TO REMEMBER

Event

Date

Venue

Nippers at Collaroy

Mar 7 (Sun)

Collaroy SLSC

Aussie Titles Meeting

Mar 7 (Sun) 9.00am

Collaroy SLSC

Final Round Club Championships

Mar 7 (Sun)

Collaroy SLSC

Nippers at Collaroy (Final Day)

Mar 14 (Sun)

Collaroy SLSC

Aussie Titles

Mar 17 - 21

Kurrawa SLSC

Nipper Presentation Day

Mar 27 (Sat @ 4pm)

Collaroy SLSC

Good Friday Seafood Lunch

Apr 2

Collaroy SLSC

Board & Ski News



Bart, Pat & Mitch (State Gold U19 Ski Relay)

Training continues to be solid and the results are coming. We won Gold at State through Pat, Bart and Mitch in the U19 Ski Relay. Minor medals were collected by Kendrick, Bart, Mitchell, Mat & Gregg in other water events. The finale Open Taplin was a cracker 4th by the barest of margins against the best in the State. In fact it was great to see the strength of the Club coming through. We fielded Taplin teams in the Opens, U19's U17's and 15's

Our female competitors (Kate and Jodie) progressed through the rounds on the Ski. Kate was desperately unlucky in the Final.

Good luck too to Matt Gittoes & Kelly Burke who will be tying the knot after the Aussies

Boaties News



Huey was with us at Branch where the Giggles collected their maiden Branch Gold in the U23's but deserted then at State. Just fantastic results on the Friday and Sunday saw the girls in the final. That tsunami lookout must have missed the couple of bombs that hit the girls in the Final. The Marshall's and Knights also stood up last weekend progressing through to the semis. Both were stoked to get that far but again the conditions in the 4 of 6 round didn't give us any favors.

All eyes are now firmly on the Aussies with the best number of crews traveling north to Kurrawa in years and as we all know the Garricks peak for one Carnival each year

Beach News



Gold for Michael in the Open Sprint

Congratulations firstly to Super Coaches Bob Langbein and Chris Montgomery for their superb efforts over the season thus far.

State Results

Michael Kember	1st Open men's beach sprint
Katie Williams	1st U17s female beach flags/ 3rd beach sprint
Tori Green	3rd U15s female beach flags.

The beach team continued their success in the relays. Our Open men's team collected Gold a great spectacle and certainly strong prospects at Aussies. The U19s and U17s ladies both won gold and both convincingly. The girls are on fire and both teams are keen to give Aussies a real crack. Great to have Samantha Harmer back in both teams, great come back Sam. The U15 girls collected bronze...another great effort and a special mention to Tori Green who has come over from Avalon surf club. These girls are looking forward to Aussies as well.

Whilst on the girls, Louise Smallwood and Kerry Armstrong were in the medals too for the Masters in the 39 and a bit age group

Well done to all other beach competitors who participated at Swansea....keep training hard and we will see you all at Aussies.

Craig Williams



After a number of years absence, Collaroy has again had a first aid team competing in the branch first aid competition. If there is anyone from U15, U17, U19 or opens who have ever contemplated becoming involved in this competition please talk with Neil Gregory or Phil Mickan for more details and/or send an email to pmic0991@bigpond.net.au and they will look at training a team or "two"

Nipper News



"The Big Maaan"

State

Collaroy had a fantastic time at Swansea Belmont last weekend for the State Nippers carnival. Once again, we had a huge amount of fun - even though the days were long and tiring. My thanks and heartfelt pride goes out to all the Nippers who went and tried their hearts out for Collaroy. Whilst our results were varied, you could not feel more proud of a bunch of kids that continued to smile and show terrific sportsmanship - no matter what their result was!

Congratulations to our State Medalists:

Gold - 2 Person R&R

Jake De Kort
Jesse Bowyer

Silver - 5 Person R&R

Annabelle Loone
Jordan Sole
Millie Suters
Jake De Kort
Jesse Bowyer

Silver - 2 Person R&R

Rayner Shimakage
Ella Johnstone

Silver – March Past

Nina Bowyer Abigail Gardiner Abigail Pinney Millie Suters Daniel Muncke Jake De Kort
Madeleine Brady Jasmine Bathie Sahara Gaw Annabelle Loone Whitney Skirka Jordan Sole

Special mention should also be made of Sahara Gaw who managed to come 4th in the Under 12 Girls Flags and the Under 14 Girls Relay Team (Jasmine Bathie, Madeleine Brady, Riley Cross and Annabelle Loone) who came 7th in the final. On top of our Gold & Silver in the 2 person R&R, Annabelle Loone & Jordan Sole placed 6th Abbey Baker & Georgie Bathie - 9th and Jackson and Nicholas Arico - 16th If I have left out any other finalists, I apologize, and an updated list will appear in the next Collaroy Crab. There were many Collaroy Nippers who just missed out on finals. Maybe, just maybe, with a bit more training next year, go one better.

Presentation Day

Our Nipper Presentation Day for is Saturday March 27th at the Collaroy Surf Club beginning at 4pm.

Go the Roy

Martin Bowyer (Bluto)



R & R REPORT

Finally the business end of the season has come around and the R&R Section once again had a successful State Titles campaign coming away with 3 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. With the Nippers leading the way and getting our Section off to a good start, they came away with 1 Gold and 2 Silver medals at the Nippers State Titles.

Jake de Kort and Jesse Bowyer competing in their last season together as a 2 Person team were deserved winners of the gold medal after dominating the early rounds and were ecstatic and relieved to come away with their third gold medal in four years in this event. The 'dark horses' of the 2 Person event were no doubt Rayna Shimakage and Ella Johnstone who won their first ever State medal taking the silver medal in their first year competing in this event. This was an outstanding achievement for an U/10's team who were competing against teams much older than themselves. The 2 Person event also saw three other teams perform well throughout the carnival which included Annabelle Loone & Jordan Sole (6th place), Abbey Baker and Georgia Bathie (9th place), Nicholas and Jackson Arico (15th place) out of 35 teams. Congratulations to our Nippers coaches during the year, in particular Brooke Perry, Nicole Bridges and Jake de Kort who put up their hands to take on the coaching role and all performed exceptionally well and showed fantastic commitment to their teams

The Nippers 5 Person team consisting of Millie Suters, Jordan Sole, Annabelle Loone, Jake de Kort and Jesse Bowyer also came away with a silver medal. This team has been consistently drilling low points all season and was unfortunate to be beaten on countback in the final. With another year to go in this event, hopefully they can reclaim the gold medal next season. Great effort team.

Not to be outdone by the Nippers, the older age groups also came away with a few medals of their own consisting of 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. The Open 5 & 6 Person teams were able to complete a rare feat by winning double gold. We were able to retain our Title from last season in the Mixed event whilst the 6 Person team were able to win the prestigious Harry Nightingale Trophy for the second time in three years.

The U/19's and U/15's teams both performed exceptionally well over the weekend to come away with silver medals in their respective events. The U/19's also competed up in the Open Women's event and just came up short of getting a medal gaining 4th place much to the relief of our other Open Women's 'Black' team. The U/15's were outstanding performers over the State Titles coming away with their first medal in the Senior Club and just missing out on the gold medal by 1 point. Considering this team did not exist before Xmas and was only put together in the New Year with two Nippers competing from the U/13 age group (Jordan Sole and Jesse Bowyer), it truly was a remarkable effort in their first ever carnival together.

The Open Women's Black team and the U/17's were our bronze medalists who performed strongly throughout the carnival and were not far behind the winning teams. It is always good to get to stand on the dais at the State Titles and these results will no doubt give their confidence a boost but hopefully spur them onto to bigger and better things at the Aussie Titles. The U/17's also competed up in the U/19 age group, making the final and finishing in 6th place. Great effort girls.

As a result of all these medals, Collaroy Surf Club was once again able to win the NSW Premiership Pointscore to be crowned **Best R&R Club in NSW**. Well done to all the teams for winning this prestigious award and hopefully we can carry this form through to the upcoming Aussie Titles in Kurrawa and retain our title as best R&R Club in Australia. Even better than this was the fact that every R&R team that competed for Collaroy at the Open State Titles won a medal and were able to stand on the dais. Good luck to all the teams and all the coaches and hopefully all our teams can climb the dais the once again.

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SPONSORSHIP NEWS

We would like to thank Raine and Horne Collaroy for sponsoring the Australian Titles Touring shirts for the second year. I am sure the team will be a standout at the Aussies this year (as we always are)

The Golf Day was a huge success our, biggest and best so far. Over \$20000.00 was raised to go towards vital rescue equipment. Many thanks go to my fellow golf day committee members Graham Hart, Martin "Bluto" Bowyer and Kenyon McKie. Also many thanks to Kate Green and her Brekky BBQ team and to all those who assisted on the day. The Mona Vale course played well and was in excellent condition. Thanks to all those at the golf club who helped make the day memorable. Our success is due to all the great sponsors and donors of the day, please be aware of them and as we always ask if you can avail yourselves of their services and products please do.

New Board and Ski team uniforms will be distributed before the State titles courtesy of a generous donation to the club by Peter Davidson. Thank you Peter your assistance to the club is very much appreciated.

Lateral Systems, the host's of our website, have a new patrol surround on the beach which looks terrific, another excellent job done by one of our sponsors Wetton Signage of Brookvale.

The new patrol shirts sponsored by The Beach Club at Collaroy have now been distributed and look great. Thanks to The Beach Club for their support.

Please see the sponsors and donors pages in the crab or on the website and support those who support us.

Thank You
Greg Broome
Sponsorship Officer

GOOD FRIDAY SEAFOOD LUNCH

**Friday April 2nd is GOOD FRIDAY
The legendary Collaroy SLSC
Good Friday Seafood Lunch
Is Back For Another Year**

When: 1130 for 1200

What: All the seafood you can eat plus an open bar until 1500. (there is chicken available for non seafood eaters)

Cost: Adults \$60.00 Kids No Seafood \$10.00

Limits: Numbers are strictly limited to the first 60 people.

Bookings are not taken without payment.

Who: See Greg MacMahon or Kenyon McKie to make your payment and booking.

Cutoff: Bookings close Friday March 26, 2010.

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