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PONDERINGS FROM THE PRES...

The season is well and truly underway. I know we all say it, but, where has the year gone?

As this will be the CRAB before Christmas I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and very happy family Christmas. If you are traveling take extra care as the 'Roy wants everyone to have fun and safely return for the New Year. To one and all may 2010 be a year of peace and enjoyment.

Patrols have been going now for nearly 3 months and by all reports things seem to be going reasonably well. I do have to say though that if everyone who is on the roster made just that little bit more of an effort then things would be really great. We are in need of 2 more Patrol Captains and then we could create 1 or 2 more patrols and then you would only be doing a half day patrol every 4 weeks. Wouldn't that be much easier? We also need some more IRB drivers and crew.

Thank you to Luke our Captain and his team of Dave Williams and Mark Duncan who now make up the Lifesaving Committee. It is these guys who put out our roster so if anyone has any hassles or suggestions just let one of these guys know.

The club would also like to congratulate Kendrick Louis, Michael Kember and Katie Williams who this past weekend qualified for the State Team. This is a fantastic achievement and one that all at Collaroy can be proud of.

Our boat section has also got off to an early start and after 3 carnivals are not only making finals, but, the Garricks won at Nth Narrabeen. The Garricks are showing the way and the whole section is looking very promising. Section Captain Ando and his team are doing a great job. Our beach sprinters are not going to be left out. We have two selected in the State team. Chris Monty and the old master Bob Langbein have done a marvelous job building a very competitive team.

The Nippers have been going really well and Bluto and his team deserves our congratulations for the job they are doing. There is nothing like seeing so many kids enjoying their time on the beach each Sunday. The sections performance at carnivals is also on the rise and this is because of the dedication of a few. I know that Bluto would welcome a few more parents putting their hands up to assist so how about it?

Karla Campbell will also complete another Bronze squad next weekend. The Club is very grateful to Karla and her team for the job they are doing. This time Karla was assisted by Liz Green, Andrew Sole, Phil Mickan and Luke Hochkins and we thank them for their efforts. As well as wishing the squad luck next weekend.

In closing I would like to ask for everyone's assistance on Christmas Day. Even though it is a special day we still have to have 5 Bronze etc on the beach. We do not roster a patrol that day and ask that everyone consider giving an hour or two to help out. In particular the hard times are in the afternoon after lunch and I ask that all our U/18 members consider giving some time then. If we all pitch in it works well and it doesn't matter if it is wet or sunny. So I will see you there.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All

Greg MacMahon

DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Carols by Keg Light	Dec 19 (Sat)	Collaroy SLSC
Nipper Christmas Party	Dec 20 (Sun)	Collaroy SLSC
Volunteer Christmas Patrol	Dec 25 (ALL DAY)	Collaroy SLSC
Young Guns Boat Carnival	Jan 3 (Sun)	Collaroy SLSC
Collaroy Golf Day	Jan 8 (Fri)	Mona Vale Golf Club
Nippers back in 2010	Jan 9 (Sat)	Collaroy SLSC
East Coast Masters	Jan 10 (Sun)	Collaroy SLSC
Branch Championships (Opens / Masters)	Feb 6 (Sat)	Queenscliff SLSC
Branch Championships (Nippers)	Feb 7 (Sun)	Queenscliff SLSC

Club Captain's Report



I am pleased to say that the season has started well, with no major problems and great patrol attendance to date.

A big thank you to everyone who has completed their Bronze, SRC and HBI courses. Your time and commitment is greatly appreciated and will allow for us to now create a new patrol, doing this will help reduce the amount of hours members need to spend on the beach. All we need now is some more members to gain their ARC, IRB Drivers and Basic Beach Management, and we can create at least another two patrols. Remember, it all looks good on your resume!!

Now that Christmas is upon us, please remember that we all have patrol obligations that we need to complete. If you are not going to be there for a patrol, please organize a sub that has the same, or better qualifications than you and let your patrol captain or myself know who the sub is!

Please keep in mind that Christmas day is a voluntary patrol, so if you have some spare time on the day to come down and lend a hand it would be greatly appreciated, even if it's for only an hour or two.

If you owe any hours, Christmas Day is the best day to do it, as the club will give you double hours!

January's patrol roster has been released so please have a look as there have been some changes.

The new uniforms are currently being handed out, keep in mind that these are for THREE YEARS, so please look after them!

I wish you and your families all the best for the festive season.

Look forward to seeing you on the beach in the New Year!

Luke Hochkins
Club Captain

COLLAROY CAROLS BY KEGLIGHT

Join head chorister John Lewis for our annual Carols by Keglight on Saturday 19th from 6.30pm. Bring your vocal chords and a bingo 'dobba'. Kids welcome

Board & Ski News



Bart Louis (2 individual gold and a silver at Interbranch)

Plenty of news and results out of the Board & Ski shed this season to date;

- New training regime developed for Cadets
- 3.5 teams to the Coolangatta Gold, Endurance Championships, 3 rounds of the East Coast Surf Premiership, Nutri-Grain trials, Downwind Ski Racing, Twilight Masters, 3 Point Challenge, Interbranch Championships and it ain't Chrissie yet...
- Bart & Kendrick make the NSW squad
- Let's all try to make the Club Championships at Collaroy this Sunday

We need you..



We need work parties for the Young Guns Carnival on Jan 3 and East Coast Masters on Jan 10

Registering for Carnivals

SNB Carnivals close on the Thursday before and Sydney Branch Carnivals close at 3pm on the Tuesday before

Please send entries by email to jblack@ricoh.com.au or by text to 0402 079 126.

Queenscliff entries should be sent to janine_1956@hotmail.com or by text as I will be away.

State and Australian championships close at the beginning of February. All competitors should now be financial and proficient.

SPONSORSHIP

The success of our Sponsors and Donors evening held last month shows the strong commitment of our Sponsors and Donors to Collaroy SLSC and Surf Life Saving

At this time of year I would ask that when you are deciding on gifts, services or going out. Please go into our Sponsors page and look who is supporting us and try and support them.

We have a great and varied group who can supply just about anything or if they can't, point you in the right direction. Don't forget to tell them you are from Collaroy.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all our Sponsors, Donors and members from the Sponsorship Committee.

Greg Broome and Dani Montgomery

Breaking news – Coopers on tap.....

Club President Greg MacMahon wrote a letter to Santa Claus earlier this year and received an early surprise when Coopers was tapped a few months back.

We now have Coopers, Carlton Draught, VB and Tooheys Old on tap, as well as a wide selection of bottled beers. The bar is run by members, for members, so don't be backward in putting suggestions forward to andy@ozwideam.com.au

If you have a favored brew, let me know and we can talk about getting some in stock for you. I even have a few bottles of Reschs Real behind the bar for our Treasurer Neil "3 for \$10" Armstrong.

All Club members and their guests are welcome to use our bar facilities, we're open each Sunday during the nippers season from Midday onward.

We regularly hire the club out for functions including weddings, engagement parties, birthdays etc. Full catering options are available, and you'll have the best view on the Northern Beaches. Just visit our club website to view booking details etc.

See you at the bar,
Andy Skirka

Nipper News



"The Big Maaan"

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the season. It has gone very quickly. We only have 2 more weeks of Nippers this year. Please remember that December 20 is our Christmas Nippers. This will be a 'fun' day of Nippers where the Age Manager's have devised fun events in which all Nippers will participate. There were 2 memorable events from last year – The All Age Relay where participants passed on Santa's Hat. We also had the Parents Flags – no competitiveness here!

Christmas Party Nippers – December 20, 2009

Just a reminder to all parents coming to the Christmas Party, can you please ensure that you bring a **SMALL** (as in size) present marked with your child's full Name and their Age Group. There will be Age Group Santa Sacks available in the BBQ area where you can place the presents. Santa will be making an appearance in the Park afterwards.

There will be a BBQ organised for Nippers plus a drink. Parents are advised to bring additional food and drinks plus chairs and enjoy an afternoon in the Park.

We are hoping to provide additional entertainment for the afternoon.

Remember that 'Carols on the Beach' is conducted after Nippers BBQ

Manly Carnival

Manly Carnival was held on Sunday 15th November. Results are attached to the website. Collaroy achieved great success with:

4 x 1st placings, 6 x 2nd placings, 7 x 3rd placings plus 15 other finalists
Collaroy finished 6th overall on 132 Points – well done.

Queenscliff Carnival

Queenscliff Carnival was held on Sunday 6th December. Results are attached to the website. Collaroy achieved great success even in the extremely trying surf conditions:

3 x 1st placings, 3 x 2nd placings, 5 x 3rd placings plus 8 other finalists
Collaroy finished 7th overall on 85.5 Points.

State Carnival

State Nipper Carnival is at Swansea – Belmont Feb 19 to Feb 21, 2010. This Sunday we are asking for a commitment from parents as to whether they and their Nippers will be attending. We need to know numbers now as we have to order uniforms and finalise accommodation. Forms are available from the Website and Age Managers this Sunday and next. A \$50 deposit is required with completed forms

Sponsorship

Sponsorship is very important to any sporting club, in particular, Surf Clubs. Our charter is to educate surf awareness and to participate in surf sports. All of which come at a very high cost to the Surf Club We are currently looking for a Sponsor to sponsor the State Uniform for this years State Titles at Swansea Belmont. If there is any member out there who could assist with providing sponsorship please come and see me.

Wishing you all the very best for the Festive Season and New Year.

Go the Roy

Martin Bowyer (Bluto)

Beach News



Katie Williams (NSW Representative)

Our beach competitors have had an incredible start to the season no doubt due to the pre-season training conducted by maestros Montgomery & Langbein. Our Open Men's squad has been bolstered by the return of Nathan Mackay and Elliot Marynissen transitioning from the U19's. During Michael Kember's injury recuperation, both Marko Iljadica and Elliot have stamped their presence with wins in tough competition at the Interbranch Championships and the East Coast Surf Festival respectively. There is a struck match between all 3 of them.

Meanwhile Katie Williams is going quietly about her tasks winning every Flag event contested to date and well rewarded with a position (alongside Michael Kember) in the NSW team. If anyone needs an iPod for Christmas....

Alongside Katie, Aimee Gundree and Eleanor Lamb are working hard and looking forward to Samantha Harmer bringing the quartet back together for Season 09-10 where they featured heavily in the medal tallies

ATTENTION ALL MASTERS COMPETITORS !

IT'S ON AGAIN!

THE EAST COAST MASTERS CARNIVAL

COLLARROY BEACH

SUNDAY 10th JANUARY 2010

THE COLLARROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE *WageCover Australia* AS MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE **2010 EAST COAST MASTERS CARNIVAL**.

THE DETAILS BELOW SHOW REGISTRATION AND START TIMES TO ASSIST ALL KEEN OVER 30 YEAR OLD COMPETITORS WHO MAY WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE EVENT.

THE EAST COAST MASTERS EMPHASISES THE SPIRIT OF MASTER'S COMPETITION - CAMERADERIE, PARTICIPATION AND A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH FELLOW COMPETITORS.

<u>ARENA</u>	<u>REGISTRATION FROM</u>	<u>START</u>
BOARD RIDING	7.00 AM	7.30 AM
BOAT	8.00 AM	9.00 AM
BOARD & SKI	8.00 AM	9.00 AM
SWIM	9.30 AM	10.00 AM
BEACH	11.00 AM	12.00 NOON
MARCH PAST	1.00 PM	1.30 PM

NB. Swim & Craft competitors should note that there will be 2 areas operating at the same time, according to Age Group.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE PROFICIENT

COST **\$ 20.00 PER PERSON – UNLIMITED EVENTS**
\$ 15.00 PER BOAT CREW & \$ 60.00 PER MARCH PAST TEAM

PRIZES **GOLD, SILVER OR BRONZE MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL PLACE GETTERS, STRAIGHT AFTER THEIR SECTION HAS FINISHED.**

 Collaroy SLSC - Surf Sports Calendar			
Date	Day	Carnivals & Special Events	Venue
19-Dec-09	Saturday	First Aid Competition Round 1	Dee Why
19-Dec-09	Saturday	U13 to Open Carnival	North Cronulla
19-Dec-09	Saturday	Carols by Kegligh	Collaroy
19-Dec-09	Saturday	Ocean Series FINAL	20 Beaches
19-Dec-09	Saturday	Sydney Water Serier Round 4	Illawarra Branch
20-Dec-09	Sunday	Nipper Xmas Party 9.30am	Collaroy
02-Jan-09	Saturday	Ocean Ski Race	Long Reef
03-Jan-10	Sunday	Ocean swim	Newport
08-Jan-10	Friday	Collaroy Annual Golf Day	Mona Vale
08-Jan-10	Friday	First Aid Competition Round 2	Queenscliff
09-Jan-10	Saturday	U13 to Open carnival	Queenscliff
09-Jan-10	Saturday	Twilight Nippers 4pm	Collaroy
10-Jan-10	Sunday	East Coast Masters	Collaroy
tba	Sunday	Ocean Swim	Avalon
16-Jan-10	Saturday	U13 to Open Intercities	Wanda
16-Jan-10	Saturday	Ocean Thunder Rd 3	Dee Why
17-Jan-10	Sunday	Young Guns Boat Carnival	Collaroy
17-Jan-10	Sunday	Ocean Swim	Avalon
17-Jan-10	Sunday	JAB Carnival	Narrabeen
23-Jan-10	Saturday	U13 to Open Carnival	Manly
23-24/1/10	Saturday	NSW High Performance Camp	Manly
24-Jan-10	Sunday	First Aid Comp Rd 3	Manly
24-Jan-10	Sunday	Board Riding	Manly
24-Jan-10	Sunday	Boat Carnival	Freshwater
24-Jan-10	Sunday	Ocean Swim	Mona Vale
26-Jan-10	Tuesday	U13 to Open Carnival	Freshwater
30/01/2010 ???	Saturday	SNB Open R & R, Lifesaving, Surfing	Qcliff/Nth Steyne
31/1/10 ???	Sunday	SNB Water Events	Qcliff/Nth Steyne
31/01/2010 ???	Sunday	SNB Open Beach Events	to be confirmed
31-Jan-10	Sunday	Whale Beach Big Swim	Whale Beach
31-Jan-10	Sunday	SNB Boats	Qcliff/Nth Steyne
06-Feb-10	Saturday	Open Carnival	Coogee
06-Feb-10	Saturday	SNB Lifesaving , R & R and Surfing	Qcliff/Nth Steyne
5-7/2/10	Saturday	ASRL Open	Wollongong City
07-Feb-09	Sunday	SNB JAB Championships	Qcliff/Nth Steyne
13-Feb-10	Saturday	Ocean Thunder Rd 4	Dee Why
13-14/2/10	Sat/Sun	Back up weekend for Branch	
14/02/2010	Sunday	DSM and Life Members Luncheon	Collaroy
19-21/2/10	Fri - Sun	State Age Championships	Swansea Belmont
19-21/2/10	Fri - Sun	State Life Saving Championships	Swansea Belmont
19-21/2/10	Sat-Sun	Battle of the Boats	Pacific Palms
25-Feb-10	Thurs	State Masters Champs	Swansea Belmont
26-28/2/10	Fri - Sun	State Open Championships	Swansea Belmont
07-Mar-10	Sunday	Ocean Swim	Freshwater
07-Mar-10	Sunday	Ocean Swim	Manly
16-17/3/10	Tue-wed	Australian Champs - Masters	Kurrawa
18-21/3/10	Thurs - Sun	Australian Champs - Open	Kurrawa
28-Mar-10	Sunday	Ocean swim	North Steyne
tba	Sunday	DY2K Swim	Dee Why

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We would like to thank our many sponsors. We are developing a detailed list and the below are immediately recognized. We will be adding and fine tuning the list and hopefully supplying more logos. Please support the SPONSORS that support our Club

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