



From the desk of.....

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DON'T FORGET....

21st December – Nippers BBQ and last nippers of 2008. Nippers will be back 11 January.

Christmas Day – We need you to do a couple of hours on patrol.

Watch this space for the date of the club photo. It has been postponed until January as too many people will be away before Christmas.

A NOTE FROM THE COMMITTEE....

Merry Christmas

Christmas is upon us once again and we wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Don't forget Drink Safely and Drive safely and have a great Christmas break.

2008/09 Membership Fees due

Just a quick reminder for any members who have not paid this seasons membership dues.

Committee meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each Month. Next meeting will be 12 January.

Membership Details

It is important for all members to ensure that their personal details are up to date and correct. Surf Life Saving Australia has provided a site for members to do this through the following URL link:

http://www.lifesavingonline.com.au/SLSA_Online/modules/home/index.php

Members are asked to take the time to register at the site, and then follow the instructions. Once registered, please check and update your personal details.

HARBORD DIGGERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Harbord Diggers runs 15 raffles on our behalf every Wednesday Night. Show our support to the diggers and organise your Wednesday night there.

Whether its taking the family to dinner, organising a pool night or to watch some sport give it a go.

100 Club

The 100 club is on again this year. See Jenny Drury for numbers.
Hurry as there are only a few left

HARBORD PUB RAFFLE

Every Thursday night between 5:30 and 6:30.

Come on up and give us a hand, have a couple of beers and enjoy.

This raise **\$4,000** a year for the club to spend on **YOU**.

Patrols

Remember that if there is any sign of lightening the beach must be closed.

Radios

Patrol captains please make sure that all radios are turned off and put on the battery chargers so that they are ready for the next day.

Christmas Day

We are short of volunteers for Christmas day. Anyone who can help, please come down even if it is for a couple of hours or so.

Safety and Training

Congratulations to our new bronze members who qualified earlier this month.

Child Protection

Any member who has not already completed a form should download it using the below link, complete it, and either send it via post to the club, or give it to their Patrol Captain on their next patrol. Forms are also available in the Patrol Captain's room.

http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/uploads/documents/wfcc_form4.pdf

From the Branch

Navigation Lights on Surf Boats

As a result of collisions on the harbour, resulting in several deaths, the Waterways Authority instituted, eighteen months ago, fines of \$1500 for anyone operating craft on state waterways during hours of darkness without navigation lights. Notwithstanding, there has been three reports to the authority of surf boats doing so this season. The authority has therefore instituted evening and early morning patrols with the result of levying such \$1500 fines on anyone they catch. It is unclear whether they will be only levied against the sweep, or everyone on the vessel, resulting in \$7500 worth of fines, but given the recent mini-budget, the second option is more likely.

SLS NSW has therefore advised clubs to advise the crews accordingly, and to state that anyone fined for not using navigation lights after dark, will not be indemnified by the club under any circumstances. Continued offences will have serious repercussions on SLS NSW's authority to sanction carnivals on state beaches in the future, and they are concerned about the viability of Surf Lifesaving in the event that carnivals are no longer allowed.

National Carnival

- b) National Surf Carnival 2010, will be held at Kurrawa, on 16th - 23rd March
- c) There will not be under 14's events at future National Carnival.

GYM KEYS

We are doing a round up of Gym Keys.

Anyone who has got one they are not using, please bring it back so that it can be redistributed.

Memership Fees

Membership Fees are overdue.

Can anyone who has not paid their dues, do so ASAP.

Thanks

Whats on this Month

December

Saturday 20th	Open Carnival	Nth Cronulla
Sunday 21st	Oceanseries Final	20 Beaches Classic
Monday 22nd	Super Surf Camo	Newport
Tuesday 23rd	Super Surf Camp	Newprt

January

Saturday 3rd	NSW Premiership Rd 3	Redhead
Tuesday 6th	Board of Management Meeting 7.30pm	Warriewood
Friday 9th	First Aid Competition Rd 2	Queenscliff
Saturday 10th	Queenscliff Open Carnival	Queenscliff
Sunday 11th	East Coast Masters	Collaroy
Sunday 11th	Avalon Ocean Swim	Avalon Beach
Friday 16th	NSW Country Championships	Tacking Point
aturday 17th	NSW Country Championships	Tacking Point
Saturday 17th	Intercities Carnival	Wanda
Sunday 18th	NSW Country Championships	Tacking Point
Sunday 18th	Young Guns Boat Carnival	Collaroy
Sunday 18th	JAC Carnival	Narrabeen Beach
Sunday 18th	Mona Vale Ocean Swim	Mona Vale
Tuesday 20th	Branch Executive Meeting 6.30pm	Branch Office
Friday 23rd	First Aid Competition Rd 3	Manly
Saturday 24th	Manly Open Carnival – All Disciplines	Manly
Sunday 25th	Manly Open Carnival 2nd day - Boats Only	Manly
Sunday 25th	Australia Day Carnival U13's – Open	Freshwater
Sunday 25th	Whale Beach Big Swim	Whale Beach
Monday 26th	Australia Day Carnival – Boats Only	Freshwater
Saturday 31st	Open Carnival	Coogee

2008/09 Season Calendar of events

By opening up the link below you get a complete calendar of this years events from surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches.

http://www.surflifesaving.net.au/pdf/Calendar_of_Events.pdf

Cadet Weekend Away

49 cadets aged between 13 and 16 went on a weekend away in November to the central coast for some board training and fun and all had a great time. While the ones left behind had miserable weather, we had great weather and surf conditions on the Saturday and everyone one got some good board and surfing experiences. Sunday was not the best weather but after a hearty bacon and eggs we set off to Toowoan Bay where some of them managed to have a row in a surf boat.

Thanks to Darren and Bucko for organising this and a special thanks to Mark Whitehair for the used of his bus and for ferrying us around for the weekend (We need a nick name for Mark).

Speaking of nick names it has been suggested that Tony (Champ) Mulvey should be invited to the next one to help in this respect.

Much thanks should go to Shelly Beach and Toowoan Bay Surf Clubs for their hospitality and for lending us their facilities over the 2 days.

It looks like this will be an annual event so keep your diaries ready for next years one.

From the Nippers

Although it seems Nippers has only just begun, we are already at the half way mark having had nine Sundays this season already. In general both the weather and surf conditions have been more favorable than last year and it has been pleasing to see so many kids in the water. Last Sunday, December 14th, I believe we had every board in the club out on the water, with all age groups taking advantage of the fantastic conditions, let's hope we get more opportunities in the second half of the season.

By now all the kids should have settled into their age groups and be working on improving their skills and knowledge of the beach environment. Each age group from U6 to U14 has a number of learning outcomes set by SLS Australia. These can be viewed via the SLS Sydney Northern Beaches website under Nippers. For those interested just follow this link:

<http://www.surflifesaving.net.au/nippers/index.htm>

The U14 group is working towards attaining their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) and are progressing well. This is the highest award available to Nippers once they have turned 13 years of age. The SRC is almost identical to the Bronze Medallion and will count towards this award when this group turns 15.

Water Safety

With so many kids now in Nippers at South Curly, and particularly when we have great surf conditions, we need to keep in mind that we have an obligation to provide water safety for any kids in the water. The ratio is one Bronze holder with a board or rescue tube to every 5 kids. If you hold a bronze medallion and can help out your child's age group by providing water safety, please come forward on a Sunday morning and let the age manager know.

South Curly Carnival Success

We have attended 2 Carnivals so far this season and the results have been nothing short of outstanding. In terms of overall placing we finished the Manly Carnival in 7th position overall and the Queenscliff Carnival in 9th position overall. On each occasion we scored in excess of 100 points which is the first time in the clubs history. There were so many excellent results I am loathed to start listing them as I am certain to miss many. Congratulations to all who competed and supported their team mates so well. I may be biased but SCC does seem to have the best team spirit of all the clubs and I am sure this helps in the success of many individuals. One of the first events of the day at a Carnival is the all Age Relay with a runner from each age group U8 – U14; everything stops for this race. Over the last few years our sprinters have gradually been making ground on the other clubs and at the Queenscliff carnival the team performed exceptionally to come in third place behind Manly and Mona Vale. Again the huge support from all the kids and parents wearing Blue Gold and White was evident and I am sure appreciated by the team members.

If you would like to view the results you can visit the SLS Sydney Northern Beaches website under "Latest Carnival Results" via the following link:

http://www.surflifesaving.net.au/surf_sports/SurfSportsResults.htm

Interbranch Team

Jake Vale from our U14's competed for the Sydney Northern Beaches team this season that won the Interbranch Championships last weekend at Catherine Hill Bay. Jake performed exceptionally well finishing 3rd in the U14's Male Beach Sprint and was part of the winning All Age Relay team. This Carnival includes the best competitor in each event from every Branch in the State so congratulations Jake on a great achievement.

Dates to Remember

21st December – Last Nippers for 2008 – Xmas BBQ and possibly SANTA
11th January – Nippers Starts again
18th January – JAC Carnival Narrabeen
8th February – Junior Branch Championships Palm Beach

State Nippers Carnival

We need organise accomodation, clothing etc and know numbers of children wanting to attend the state titles.

Can you please let your age managers know if you want to go to the state this season.

Have a great Christmas and New Year!



Sunday Events

Things are starting to hot up and it is not just the weather (or the water). Below is the point score as of last Sunday. There are a few fathers there that need to pull their fingers out or be trounced by their siblings.

GD and Spook are thinking of teaming up for the Australian after they thrashed the young guns in the board relay last Sunday.

Surf Race Point Score @ 7 Dec 08

<u>Name</u>		<u>Cumulative Points</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Cumulative Points</u>
RATH	LIZ	26	O'FLANIGAN	BEN	2
CORTIS	TROY	26	ASHCROFT	MATT	2
O'BRIEN	KEIRAN	18	DOSSETOR	GRAEME	2
TAYLOR	SCOTTY	17	SCAPENS	PHIL	2
SPITERI	BEN	15	TAYLOR	HANNAH	2
NEWLING	ROB	14	BARRETT	SUSAN	1
DONOHUE	SHALLAN	14	BONNICK	PAUL	1
RUSSELL	BRYN	13	BUCKINGHAM	JOSHUA	1
BUCKINGHAM	MITCHELL	12	DOMINISH	GRAEME	1
DOSSETOR	VICTOR	12	ELLIOTT	SEAN	1
ALLEN	PETER	11	FLEMMING	CHRIS	1
REES	RAY	11	HINES	BRAD	1
ROBERTS	DICK	11	MCKAY	ELTON	1
BUCKINGHAM	BOB	10	MOFFATT	KEVIN	1
TAYLOR	CHARLIE	10	OPIE	GRAHAM	1
DOBRIJEVITCH	MICHAEL	9	OXLEY	JOHN	1
MULLEN	KEVIN	9	PENNYCOOK	DAVID	1
CARLEY	JAMES	8	ROSE	SKYE	1
DONOHUE	SIMON	8	SAUNDERS	ALISTAIR	1
SPITERI	ADAM	8	SETTREE	WAYNE	1
DOBRIJEVITCH	ISABELLA	7	TAYLOR	TOM	1
FULLER	KATHY	6	WHITEHALL	MARK	1
INGHAM	PETER	4			
SPITERI	MARK	4			
ROSE	STEVE	3			

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Pooh Bear. The Answer?

Maverick wrote in to say that he did not know where or how Pooh bear came about but he found one of the original copies from 1968. Pooh Bear and Maverick are organising a copy to display in the club house.

Where did the name come from? Some say it became synonymous with anonymity in the sixties because of notes been left around the club scolding the junior members for getting up to mischief. These notes were signed Peau Bear.

As far as the spelling goes, it is believed that the original spelling was a secret code to the identity of the writer. This could be true because peau bear is Latin for "I lost my virginity in the girls toilet". Why or when the spelling changed to Pooh is any ones guess.

Shelley Beach Weekend away

After taking our kids away on their bus, Mark and Kerry Whitehair decided to abandon us when they found new friends in their temporary neighbours at the caravan park where they partied to all hours. They only came back to us when their new friends were asked to leave by the park managers. They should be forgiven. After all it was the anniversary. Happy Anniversary guys.

While we are on the subject, we need to ask Adam Spiteri and Michael Jarvis what they were doing sleeping in the girls cabin.

Christmas Party

We had a good turn out to our Christmas party and everyone had a good time. Pooh would like to take the opportunity to thank Michelle and her team for a great effort.

Christmas Carols

If you haven't got your Bucko and Champ Christmas CD yet. Its not too late.

Saying of the Month

Don't eat mouldy bread. (source: unknown)