



From the desk of.....

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DON'T FORGET....

Proficiency's

Sunday 9 November
Sunday 23 November
Sunday 7 December

A NOTE FROM THE COMMITTEE....

Lifeguards

Most people have probably heard or read that Warringah Council is looking to take the Council Lifeguards off the beach on weekends and public holidays.

For this season the Lifeguards stay, however for the 2009/2010 season Council is still proposing that the SLS clubs take back the beaches.

Although this is ultimately a Council decision, the South Curl Executive, through conversations with senior club members, believes that the conditions at our beach are such that we would prefer to keep the Council Lifeguards on our beach on an ongoing basis.

This in no way implies that South Curl as a club does not have the skill-set to take back the beach - far from it. If Council determines that the Lifeguards are to be removed then obviously we will take back the beach and manage it with a very high level of professionalism.

This remains an ongoing conversation with Council, and Branch.

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.
The earlier you get in the more choice of numbers

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**.

South Curl Club House

Council is looking at ways of saving running costs at all of the two hundred or so buildings that they own or manage. The nine Warringah surf club buildings also fits into this category, so there have been ongoing conversations as to how Council can either cut running costs, or alternatively realise additional revenue from the buildings.

Under the current lease South Curl could likely continue with the status quo and not enter in to any dialogue at all

Club House (Cont)

with the Council, however if at any time we submit a DA that includes a change to the footprint, then the lease would need to be re-negotiated anyway.

All nine Warringah Surf Clubs are now in negotiation with the Council as to how best to move forward so that Council achieves a level of cost savings and the Surf Clubs continue providing rescue services at our various beaches, with sole use rights to the buildings.

Council has presented three options to the clubs for consideration.

Option 1

Upon renegotiation of leases, all SNB clubs will be charged a % of the revenue generated by “commercial” use of the facilities. It is currently suggested that this figure is 25%. Commercial activity is deemed to include:

- hall hire (net)
- kiosk use – unless operated by the club
- restaurant / café use

In return, WC will maintain the exterior of the building – the interior will remain with the club.

South Curly opinion – a loss of 25% of Kiosk and Hall hire would represent a significant loss to the operational budget for the club. This is not preferred option based on current information

Option 2

Upon renegotiation of leases, all SNB clubs will retain all “commercial” revenue but will be responsible for all internal and external maintenance (excluding CAPEX, which will be WSC responsibility)

South Curly opinion – out of all the options this is about the best. Under the current lease we (South Curly) are responsible for the internal maintenance. Under this option Council would first be obliged to bring the building up to scratch, put in place all ‘POPE’ requirements, etc.

Option 3

SNB take a principal lease over all clubs and manage the internal and external maintenance of all clubs.

South Curly opinion – Branch would take on a percentage of our revenue, and be responsible for the maintenance of all nine surf club buildings. This is probably least preferred option

Note

In all three options, Council would continue to be responsible for the cleaning of the public toilets, be responsible for the areas beyond the clubhouse, and pay for all capital costs associated with the buildings.

Member 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

South Curly 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. The information contained there is directly linked to SurfGuard, SLSA's web-based system for all clubs. That means our, South Curly's records will be up to date as well. It should be noted that you can only view your own details, and that no one other than you can access your personal information. You must enter your email and personal details exactly as that in SurfGuard, i.e. what you gave the Club when registering. It is YOUR responsibility, not the Club's, to keep personal details up to date, and this is the easiest way to do it!

Child Protection

Just a quick reminder that all members need to fill in a child protection form each season and it needs to be recorded in the members protection box on their details page. The date the form is completed will also need to be recorded in the box provided. As trainers and assessors for your club cannot be endorsed without this being completed, could all Clubs please do this as soon as the forms are returned.

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/wwcc_form4.pdf

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.

Farewell to Sinkers

For those who have not heard that our incumbent life guard Tony (Sinkers) Sinclair has moved on. He has gone to Queensland to join the Ambulance where he has just completed his the 1st section of his training. We wish him all the best

Our New life Guard is Blake White

He has been a Life guard with Warringah for 7 years but has also worked for 2 years in the US at Long Beach, New Jersey and a Year at North Devon in sunny old England where he tells me the water temperature was about 10^oC. Better you than me Blake. Blake is a member of Collaroy Surf Club and his father is a long time member of Queenscliff and a current member of the Frigid Frogs. Blake has wanted to work at South Curly for sometime and is loving it here. Lets make him welcome.

Safety and Training

Thunderstorms are dangerous for swimmers. The beach must be closed during thunderstorms.

The 1st Bronze squad of the season has started with a squad of 12 starting the course. This includes 2 more of our previous nippers/cadets who have made the jump into the senior ranks, Victor Dossetor and Olivia Settree. Lets encourage them to participate.

Building projects

Our new ramp is open for business and it does not look too bad considering.



Just after the concrete was poured



What's on this Month

November 2008

Saturday 1st	NSW Premiership Rd 1	Towradgi
Saturday 1st	SNB Boat Premiership Series Rd 2	South Narrabeen
Sunday 2nd	Bennett Craft Carnival	Dee Why
Saturday 8th	North Steyne Life Saving Event	North Steyne
Saturday 8th	Kracka Junior Ironman	Swansea Belmont
Saturday 8th	R&R carnival	Swansea Belmont
Sunday 9th	Kracka Junior Ironman	Swansea Belmont
Sunday 9th	OceanSeries Rd 3	Narrabeen Beach
Sunday 9th	Nipper BBQ	
Tuesday 11th	Board of Management Meeting 7.30pm	Warriewood
Saturday 15th	SNB Boat Premiership Series Rd 3	Long Reef
Saturday 15th	Collaroy Senior Junior Carnival	Collaroy
Saturday 15th	Salt Surf Classic	Far North Coast
Sunday 16th	Salt Surf Classic	Far North Coast
Sunday 16th	Harris Farm Markets JAC Carnival	Manly
Sunday 16th	JAC Nipper Carnival	Manly
Tuesday 18th	Executive Meeting 6.30pm	Branch Office
Thursday 20th	BoSS & BoE&A Meetings 6.00pm	Dee Why
Saturday 22nd	Freshwater Masters	Freshwater
Sunday 23rd	Bennett Junior Ironman	Freshwater
Monday 24th	Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management	venue tbc
Wednesday 26th	Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management	venue tbc
Saturday 29th	NSW Premiership Rd 2	Sth Coast Branch
Saturday 29th	Newport Ocean Swim	Newport

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

From the Nippers

Season 08/09 is under way and we have been lucky with both the weather and water conditions on the first two weekends.

Each year we have a new group of kids and families arrive to start Nippers in the Under 6 age group and this year was no exception with record numbers looking to enroll at South Curly. One of the most difficult problems in all sports is finding coaches and managers for the youngest age groups but at South Curly we turn to one man known to locals as ZULU. This man (with the able assistance of SuperMum Simone) turns what could otherwise be a raging mass of 5 year olds and over protective parents into a well drilled and coordinated group of potential lifesavers, eager to please their new mentors and perhaps one-day be just like them! Great work ZULU & SIMONE.

All the age groups right through to U14's has grown and at time of writing we have yet to settle on final numbers. Indications are, that despite efforts to limit numbers and control growth we will pass 400 registrations this season which is quite a daunting thought. It appears South Curly is becoming the place to be for young families in our area and this should result in a strong membership and club into the future.

Inter Branch Team

This season for the first time ever we had two South Curly Nippers selected in the training squad for the Sydney Northern Beaches Inter branch Team. Jake Vale, U14's and Dominic Duran, U12's were both selected to train with the SNB squad. From the feedback I have, the training received was excellent and the experience of meeting and training with the senior competitors was a highlight.

On October 12 the team selection trial was held and NCC and we had 5 representatives on the day, Jake and Dominic were joined by Charlie and Tom Taylor plus Joshua Yeates. All performed exceptionally well, Jake and Charlie finished 1st and 2nd in the U14's sprint, Dominic won the U12's flags and was a very narrow 2nd in the sprint, Tom was 2nd in the U15's while Josh had an outstanding race in the U12's ironman to finish 3rd.

When the team was announced Jake Vale was selected as the U14's beach representative following in the footsteps of Olivia Settredge who was selected in the 06/07 team. Josh Yeates was selected to continue training with the squad as a result of his great effort at the Selection Carnival. Congratulations to all of you that competed and good luck to Jake in the Inter branch Carnival.

Cadets/Juniors

This age group is traditionally the most difficult to retain at a surf club as they are stranded between the end of Nippers and being senior members of the club. The good news at South Curly is that we are having success maintaining good numbers in this age category as kids leave Nippers, gain their Bronze Medallion and join Patrols. We have in excess of 30 registered members in this category so far this season and we are seeing continued growth each year. As a club we will need to continue to focus more attention on these members as they are critical to sustaining strong Patrols into the future.

Cadets/Juniors Weekend

In a first step to recognise the importance of this group of members, the club has organised a weekend trip to Shellie Beach on the Central Coast for 12-16 year olds and the response has been fantastic. The purpose of the weekend is to build on their water skills, do some work on SRC and Bronze group training and basically enjoy being away as group. We hope events like this one will allow kids in this age group to get to know each other and feel they are recognised as part of the surf club. Look for a full report in the next edition of Pooh Bear.

Dates to Remember

9th November - Nippers BBQ
16th November – JAC Carnival Manly
7th December – JAC Carnival Queenscliff
21st December – Nippers BBQ

The Gondolas

Just a quick update to let you all know we have now ordered a **NEW BOAT** which will be built by none other than NR Perry. We will keep you updated with progress but it should be completed around mid to end of January.

Also well done to the crews on the weekend at South Narrabeen. It was a miserable day and the shore dump didn't help. But we still had a few laughs.

Here are the results highlights:

- Ribs Girls – Won
- Gus Juniors (Burglars)– 3rd rowing B's (Great effort)
- Gus B's – 6th

From the Engine Room

Well we are two carnivals into the year and things are building nicely in the Gondolas..

Ribbsy's chicks continue to win handsomely but thats because none of them are getting any!

Dads Army, the mighty B crew that consists of the old A graders from days of yore, inc Gus,Termite Elts and the two Johnno's, aren't getting any either but once did as they have 13 kids between the five of em. So it seems just the memory is enough to slow you down in a surf boat, as the juniors beat them in the final at South Narrabeen. Its beneath your humble scribe to clarify this extraordinary effort but as the Sicilians say "Vengeance is a dish best served cold". Being beaten by a quartet of pre pubescent Toe Jam won't rest easy...

Gus's chicks have hit the water stroked nicely by Miss January herself, (several of the men's crews have indicated that she is welcome to stroke their crews as well, so she must be a very good rower) and they won a race or two and might shape up to be something during the season. Of course they can't win because they all look like they can have it and as much as they like, and we hope that a large wave comes swiftly to remove those smug looks.

The Juniors are running a competition and would like your help as they need a name for the season and have asked the rest of the club to submit their opinions on their shortlist.

South Curl Curl Toe Jam
South Curl Curl Vermin
South Curl Curl Skinny Turds

Creative bunch I know! Any help appreciated for the lads in their quest for Glory. Please spell your responses correctly, otherwise the error will live on, as they say..

We also welcome back the T Bags in their new and even cleverer guise as the "Chin Dilly Disco". After their stunning debut season in the reserves finishing in a final eight spot they have gamely stepped up to A's and had their backsides handed to them almost immediately.. Welcome to the big show boys... These boys are also cursed and should go very badly. Being young and UNMARRIED means yes... you guessed it.. and we all know what that equates to in the quest for Aussie Glory..

The masters haven't been seen yet but will be back soon to win their thirty seventh Australian title.

The Poms are missing in Action at this stage as they appear short a couple of tuggers.

You are probably thinking I have missed Gus's A crew of Nath, Team America puppet, Techno, and the bloke we don't know. But that's not true ... its just that nobody cares. These blokes are seriously ugly so thinking by extension will probably win the Aussies.

That's all for now.

Your guy in the middle

Termite

Welcome to a new page in Pooh Bear. This page will be a forum that allows members to contribute on issues such as the price of skinless chicken breasts etc. You can contribute by sending your questions, comments and answers to.

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It will be at the discretion of the editor whether it gets published and the editor is not open to bribery nor are they corruptible, and our opinion will be final. However we are willing to discuss any grievances over breakfast, lunch, dinner or drinks (your shout).

Pooh Bear

Does anyone know why our newsletter is called Pooh Bear?

Saying of the Month

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it into a fruit salad. (source: unknown)

You Can't be too careful

Whilst on a roving patrol (A roving patrol?), Rob (The Hoff) Newlinds came across a 40 year old woman in distress with a dislocated elbow. She was screaming in pain. He called Warringah Surf Rescue for an ambulance describing her as middle aged. The woman was offended by being called middle aged and let Rob know her feelings in no uncertain terms. Took her mind off her pain at least. Well done Rob.

Wimp of the month

A certain member went down for a swim in early October. Got water up to his ankles, turned around and told everyone it was too cold and he was going to have a shower instead.

And of course the monthly clean joke

He is a very fast drinker

A man goes into a bar and seats himself on a stool. The bartender looks at him and says, "What'll it be mate?"

The man says, "Set me up with seven whiskey shots and make them doubles." The bartender does this and watches the man slug one down, then the next, then the next, and so on until all seven are gone almost as quickly as they were served. Staring in disbelief, the bartender asks why he's doing all this drinking.

"You'd drink them this fast too if you had what I have."

The bartender hastily asks, "What do you have mate?"

The man quickly replies, "I have a dollar."