

**BURLEIGH HEADS
MOWBRAY PARK**

Our Official Surf Club Newsletter



The PIPELINE

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the February's edition of the Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park SLSC pipeline newsletter. The first of 2009 indicates that we have entered the busy part of the season with very full beaches and a very full calendar for our competitors.

During January whilst we had the longer patrol hours, Burleigh Beach has seen many beach goers enjoy themselves, which is a change from last year when we had some very less than average weather. This year Burleigh Beach has been the place to be which meant that our patrols were kept very busy. Thank you to Peter Whitty and all patrol members that have done a patrol since the start of the holidays, especially Christmas Day, you have done an outstanding job and I have noticed that the cameras have been in attendance, so I'm sure we will see BHMP be part of the "Surf Patrol" TV series during the year.

The competition area has been busy with carnivals nearly every weekend since the start of January, Burleigh has again been at the sharp end with some amazing results, our under 15, 17 and 19 are just about unbeatable and do not forget our open team which is proving that the BHMP team will be a formidable force at State and Aussies. The biggest thing that I have noticed at carnivals, which I can get to, is that our team is very close, the support that they give each other and the team as a whole is fantastic. This is due in no small way to our coaches, Wes Berg and Hugh Doherty, I know that they have a team that is very fit and focused on what is to be done and how to achieve their individual and team goals for season 2008-09.

I would like to mention two young members, Danielle De Francesco and Dane Bird-Smith. On January 12, Danielle was a competitor in the 10km event at the Pan Pac Championships in Guam and finished 2nd behind another Australian Belinda Bennett. Danielle, who is only 16, swam a race that would have done any swimmer proud. I remember Danielle last season at a carnival when she swam in the open female taplin and finished up coming out of the water first. This very quite young lady doesn't say much. On 17 January, Dane Bird-Smith won gold in the 5000 metre walk and bronze as a member of the 4x400m relay while competing for Australia in the Youth Olympics that were held in Sydney. On behalf of all BHMP members, congratulations Danielle & Dane on your latest results and good luck in all the coming events.

The functions are also starting to happen with the toad races approaching fast, this night is great and is always well attended. If you haven't been to one, give it a go, you will enjoy yourself.

I ask all members to please try to save the club money and the environment by turning off unnecessary lights and remember to try and not waste water. With the down turn in the economy, it will be harder to attract sponsorship / donations so we have to look at saving money as well as raising funds to help in the running of the club. The club is always looking for ideas or help in attracting sponsorship / donations so if any member can help please let me know.

See you on the beach at Burleigh.

Mick Slattery

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Captains Report

Welcome to February's Pipeline. I hope you received the gifts you wanted for Christmas. We are a month into 2009 and hope you are on track with your New Year's resolutions. My New Year's resolution was that the Club becomes one.

Yes I do sound like a broken record once again. I strongly recommend that you are fully attired in your correct patrol uniform when you sign on for Patrol. Your full Patrol uniform is to be worn until you sign off from your designated Patrol. Patrol caps are not optional but are essential whilst on Patrol. If you need to purchase a new Patrol cap I have some available if you are unable to purchase one during the week. The cost of the Patrol cap is \$15.00. Patrols go back to 8a.m. to 5 p.m. week end starting 31 January.

To those members who continually miss their patrols due to non-family or non-work commitments please find the error of your ways and start doing your Patrols. The precedent has been set and your non-attendance could result in harsher penalties.

Congratulations to the members who have been selected for the Nutri Grain Iron Man/Iron Woman series. Good luck to all members of the Surf Sports Junior and Senior Teams in the up-coming carnivals. To the Coaches, congratulations in bringing the best out of your charges.

Anyone one wishing to do new Awards please contact Danny our Chief Instructor for up-coming awards. Danny has notified me he will be running ARC and De-fib on a designated week night. Steve Puccini has just started an IRB Crewman Course and rolling it into an IRB Driver's Course. Any other Courses will be posted on the windows outside the Board Room.

To all members celebrating Births, Birthdays, Engagements, Weddings or Anniversaries – Congratulations and Best Wishes from your Fellow Club Members.

See you on the Beach.
Whit



James Street Burleigh Heads

Junior Activities Report

I hope all enjoyed the holidays & are fresh & ready for an exciting finish to what has been an outstanding season at Burleigh.

There remains only 6 weeks to the season's end & that time will fly. The Sunday nipper activities have been well attended & it's great to look at the beach each weekend & see the Barracudas hitting the sand & surf. It's amazing to see so many holidayers just kick back & watch our nippers as they get a 'fully sick barrel' or 'race down the face' of a wave. The last fortnight has seen some great surf & the kids have loved it!

The annual 'Surfing Safari' was again a great day. The Surfside bus with Club Presidento Slatts at the wheel rolled out of the car park at 5.30 am sharp & it was south to Flatneck where we just happened to run into coach Dowks & his entourage. The surf was cool but clean & a lot of fun. From there the bus & convoy of cars made their way back to Wategos Beach via Lennox Bakery & Subway. The marauding Barracuda population cut a swath through the food stocks of the town – we should seek sponsorship from the local traders in future! Once Wategos was done & dusted, there was a brief stopover at Billinudgel for a pie & some light refreshments then home for a quick surf & debrief at beautiful Burleigh – what a day! For any of the kids who haven't been on a Surfing Safari, be sure & book it in next season.

As mentioned earlier, we are now at the business end of the season so please be aware that the juniors will be needing your support in whatever capacity you can provide. The upcoming Cane Toad Classic on the 7th February will be a ripper, so be sure to come along & watch these outstanding wart-ridden warriors dual it out, to see who will 'hop' supreme!

The Gold Coast City Titles for U11 – U14 will now be held at Burleigh on February 15th. This gives the whole club the opportunity to watch our champion team compete at our home beach. Can't wait! Thus far in competition this season, Burleigh Barracudas remain undefeated. Let's keep the ball rolling!

The Pt Lookout Branch Titles for U8 – U10 is on the day before [14th Feb]; we wish the kids, age group leaders & coaches all the best for the weekend. Remember the focus is **on fun & being involved!**

Coach Ty & ever patient & wonderful wife Bree are due to give birth to a beautiful little 'Barracuda' any day now....never in recent history at the club has there been such anticipation by so many over the arrival of a little bundle of joy! Good luck to Ty & Bree from all the kids & families at the club. Finally I wish all the kids the best on their return to school & enjoy the rest of the season here at Burleigh!

Tony Martin
Junior Chairman

General Meeting

A General Meeting is to be held on Saturday 31st January commencing at 5.30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alyce Bennett, Wes Berg, Hugh Dougherty and Chelsea Mackenzie for qualifying for the Kellogg's Nutri Grain Ironman series.

Miranda Davies, Hayley Wyper and Jacob Lollback on their selection in the Queensland Cyclone team to compete at Scarborough Beach Western Australia in March 2009

Luke Cuff, Miranda Davies, Danielle De Francesco, Catherine Eckersley, Adam Gauder, Oliver Hulbert, Matthew Jones, Ashleigh Meuwissen, Zach Natoli, Tayla Neilsen, Tyler Purvis-Smith, Ursula Zerbst on their selection in the U13-U17 SCB Team to compete at Inter Branch Carnival at North Burleigh on Australia Day.

Rachel Barker, Miranda Davies, Oliver Hulbert, Ashleigh Meuwissen, Michaela Orsmond, Ursula Zerbst on their selection in the 2008/209 SLSQ 13-17 High Performance Squad

Danielle De Francesco on her selections in the Australian swimming team for the Pan Pacs held in Guam in January 2009

Dane Bird-Smith on his selection in the Australian Youth Olympic Athletics team for the games held in Sydney in January 2009

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Stockland's Christmas Gift Wrapping

Thank you to Stockland Burleigh Heads Centre Management for allowing us to participate in this great fundraiser for the club. Thanks also to everyone that put in their time to help with this great fundraiser. We raised almost \$8000 over the 2 weeks and this would not have been possible without the assistance of Maree Newton that was there everyday to ensure that everything ran smoothly – Thank you Maree, you did a great job as always.

Many thanks also to Lisa Boyce for donating the Christmas hamper for the raffle that was conducted with the gift wrapping, your generosity is very much appreciated.

Old Lifesavers Report

EASTER KEG 2009

This is one event not to be missed - The OLD LIFESAVERS EASTER KEG will be held on Sunday 12 April.

This is the biggest Old Lifesavers event of the season so come and have a drink with all of your mates and this years honoured recipients Bill Robinson and Bruce Mayne.

OLD LIFESAVERS MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the Old Lifesavers is open to all current and past members, their families and all supporters of the Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park SLSC. If you would like to join, please e-mail the Secretary of the Old Lifesavers, Bruce Mayne (b-mayne@bigpond.com).

Bruce Mayne
Secretary

From the Tog Shop

I am sure by now everyone has noticed the new light weight beach jackets that the Junior Barracudas are wearing, these jackets are a great alternative to the white beach shirt that we have all been wearing for many years now. The jackets are a welcome change. Due to many requests from the senior side of the club these beach jackets will be available to the senior competitors and parents in approximately two weeks and will retail at \$45.00. A brief description of this jacket includes a hood to keep the sun off the back of ones neck, safe secure zipper pockets, a zip up front, draw string bottom, and is available in sizes adults small, medium and large.

Other items available in the tog shop include the new black and gold Burleigh Beach Towel. This towel has the club logo weaved into the fabric, is of very good quality, made in the U.S.A and retails at \$40.00.

The girls and ladies new club swimwear arrived just before Christmas (and is selling fast) and I have now had the opportunity to see the swimwear in action at the last carnival. I know it looks great, but I would love some feed back from competitors as to how comfortable it is to compete in, so call into the tog shop and let me know. The new swimwear retails at \$60.00, when you purchase a new at \$60.00 you can also receive an original TYR one piece for \$20.00 and this can be any size, it could be for a sibling, friend, or a second pair for training.

Penelope
Apparel Officer

Coaching & Competition

Congratulations to all competitors who have competed at the Ocean Assault carnivals over the last two months we had some great results and a number of competitors made the finals that were held earlier this month. We had some good results in the Grand Final.

Open

Single Ski - Pat Norton 2nd, Dane Sloss 4th and Jacob Clear 5th

Board - Jacob Lollback 1st, Wes Berg 5th, Hugh Dougherty 6th, Alyce Bennett 6th

Surf Belt - Tom Rowles 2nd

Sprint - Hayley Wyper 1st

Flags – Hayley Wyper 4th

Taplin Relays - Female - 2nd and 3rd, Male – 2nd

Under 19

Male Board – Nick Dennis 1st, Dane Windshuttle 5th

Female Board – Kristen Askew 3rd

Male Surf Race – Tom Rowles 1st, Jason Harvey 6th

Female Surf Race – Jade Neilsen 2nd

Flags – Hayley Wyper 1st

Under 17

Sprints - Jessica Alder 5th

Flags – Jessica Alder 5th, Sarah Brown 6th

Under 15

Board – Luke Cuff 1st, Oliver Hulbert 5th

Sprints – Matthew Jones 1st

Flags – Matthew Jones 5th

At the recent carnival at Tugun, Round 1 of Oceans 38 Series, we won the carnival by 60 points, which was a great effort, and it shows how well Burleigh goes in team events and the depth we have coming through from the younger age groups. I would like to give Darren Solomon & Davin Keeble a big thank you for doing the IRB at the carnivals. We would be in trouble without them and all the officials [too many to name] that have been there also.

Last weekend, Round 2 was held at North Burleigh and we placed 3rd and overall BHMP placed 2nd in the Oceans 38 Series. Congratulations to the Under 19's, who placed 1st over the series in their age group and the Under 15's, who placed 2nd.

As it is coming down to the business end of the season we cannot afford to become complacent keep up the training and make sure you are doing your patrols and do Burleigh proud at State and Aussies.

I would also like congratulate Danielle De Francesco who placed 2nd at the 10km open water swim at the Junior Pan Pacs.

Chris

Thanks to our sponsors, please support them when you can

