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Weekly Newsletter

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Patrols

Well the season started on the weekend and it was reasonably quiet with flat seas and good conditions except for Saturday which blew and was cold. Attendances were reasonable but members will need to ensure they arrive for the start, not 15 minutes late.

Remember the same rules apply as last season. Miss too many patrols and you are out; arrange substitutes or let your patrol captain know if you can't make it; the usual common courtesies still apply. It will be spelt out on your roster.

Regarding patrols, members need to be a bit more vigilant and alert to prospective rescues. Be proactive and stop the trouble before it develops into a rescue. And if a rescue needs to be done, YOU do it provided that's ok with your PC; whichever way don't wait and watch your PC do it nor watch the lifeguards. That's what you're on patrol for.

Training Courses

- There is a Senior First Aid course set for Saturday 28 October at 9am at Coogee SLSC. Course costs \$49 and runs for approx 6 hours and will be run by Barry Dundas. Good value when you consider this course costs over \$200 from St Johns.
- A Defibrillation course set for Monday 30 October at 6.30pm at Wanda SLSC. Course is free but prerequisite is you are over 15 and hold Bronze.

If interested in doing the above courses email Manager Callum Metcalfe the Club's Training & Education on bronte.instructor@gmail.com

Bronte will hold its own defib courses shortly.

Proficiency Dates

A new process will be in place this season. Dates are set out below.

- Sunday 12 November 9am & 11am
- Sunday 19 November 9am & 11am
- Sunday 26 November 9am & 11am

(ARC proficiencies will take place immediately after Bronze proficiencies)

Out of the 6 times above choose your preferred 3 and email to Callum (bronte.instructor@gmail.com) and you will be notified of date and time. Don't leave selection till last minute. Remember we have to run proficiencies for 250 or so members. If none of the dates suit get in touch with Callum. Everyone must be proficient by 31 December 2006 otherwise the Club's gets into strife with SLS who this year will be conducting audits. If you aren't proficient by due date you will be out of Club.

Competition Officials - Vital

The Club needs more officials at surf carnivals so we can meet our Officials to Competitors ratio. Sydney Branch have a Level one course to be held at the Randwick Labor club on 25 November 06. Lasts about 4 to 5 hours with lunch provided. The Club will obviously pick up the cost.

Anyone interested should contact Bruce Hopkins, Graham Ford or the office. Maybe you could pass this on to Bruce Hopkins.

History Book – get your order in now!

"Stan Vesper's history of Bronte SLSC is more than a record of a century of lifesaving on our beach. Within its pages are the stories of club characters, of superhuman rescues, and the unusual. More than that, Stan has given us the history of Bronte and its development over the last 150 years.

The book is a 'must have', printed on high quality art paper and loaded with some 300 rare and interesting photographs. Don't miss out. Place your order now."

Sales are going ok and the book is on schedule so it will be ready end November at latest. Get your fingers out and order one now!!!

Fees

Fees are now overdue. All tags of un-financial members will be disconnected over next few days and membership cancelled.

Membership Cards

First draw this Sunday – 22 October.

Laminated Membership cards are currently available and will be issued to all financial members, no matter what category. These cards are numbered and there will be a membership draw each Sunday for \$50 jackpotting by \$10 each week it is unclaimed. A ceiling will be placed after several weeks until the cash is claimed. You have to be at the Club to claim the money.

Competition

The **R&R section** is looking for recruits. When you consider the success they had last season with gold and silver at the State and Ausies you have an opportunity to not only be part of a good event but also a winning event. You'll also have a lot of fun. Contact Bob Woodger for details.

Sportsman's Lunch

The big event of 2006- The Sportsman's Lunch

Hosted by Tony Squires from the "Fat" and H G Nelson.

Limited tables of 9 (plus one great Sporting Legend on each table) Thursday 16th November 2006 at Bronte Surf Club.

A sumptuous seafood and roast lunch with plenty of liquid refreshments. Cost \$150 per person, with proceeds going towards sending the Bronte Team to the Aussie's in Perth in March.

"They call him Immortal. It is the way he sees life. Whether hooking a flathead, going the grope, sending an oyster south or dropping the tweeds .H G swears in or out its worth a shout."

Don't miss the banter between H G and Tony Squires "whose unexpected reward for a lifetime of laziness was to talk about watching other people play sport on television for the Fat".

Organise a table and call Ross at the office to book for this unforgettable experience.

Club Security

The roller shutters are being left open at night. If members can't close them and block them open measures will be taken to lock them shut with access only available to a few people. An inconvenience to all is the likely outcome because of a lack of responsibility by a few. Give Corey a hand as he is not here 24 hours a day and often, like us all, gets home late some evenings.

Social – What a Great Idea

The Club invites everyone, members and friends to join them on Saturday night 28th October at 7pm to a club social so that everyone can meet and chat over a cool beer or if you must a glass of wine. This is a good opportunity for the young yummy mummies and daggy daddies to meet the old bastards from the Club and realise they actually do have a partner and in fact both groups aren't all that different from each other. We all have a common interest in the beach, surf and Club so there's a conversation topic straight away.

In more formal talk it will enable parent members the opportunity to meet other club members and vice versa. There will be a band for those inclined to wobble on the dance floor, nibbles and the bar will be open. To cover the cost of the band and food, we will be charging \$20 per head. Not much time but an indication of numbers would be greatly appreciated so could you please let our erstwhile Manager Administration Coleen O'Neill, know if they are interested. It's a novel idea to RSVP to a Club function, but it would greatly assist with catering arrangements.

Surf Race Results

The first swim of the season was held last Sunday week (8/10) with a good roll up. (Last weekend was too wet and miserable). A few pretty useful swimmers (Mal Allen, Ali Visch, John McCarthy, Josh Yuide, Dave Stewart etc) were in it as well but race secretary/handicapper Barry Brignell got amongst them so they didn't dominate completely. I mean it's pretty difficult to beat Mal Allen in a surf swim considering he just got pipped in the open surf at the Aussies last year. I understand Mal will be speaking to Barry later in the week but Mal I think you have done your dash — you won't get under Barry's guard again; Barry said something about you going off at about 350. A gentle tip from one who knows - if you're good enough to swim in the race, you're good enough to buy Barry a beer to ensure you're handicap is at a tolerable level.

Results	1 st	Mal Allen
	2 nd	Peter Clemesha (see boardies can swim)
	3 rd	John McCarthy

Coolangatta Gold

Bronte had 4 teams compete in the Coolangatta Gold. In a top class field of 36 teams our A Team finished 4th overall. Champion Ski Paddler Tom Woodriff was up with the leaders in the 23km ski paddle leg from Surfers to Coolangatta then had a run of 800 metres before tagging Quinn Darragh for the 3.5km swim into a howling northerly wind and swell up the coast to Bilinga, where he handed over to Anthony Carroll for the 4km soft sand run to Currumbin to tag our board paddler Larn Darragh for the 5.5km paddle to Burleigh Heads.

Bronte had transferred our runners to Burleigh Heads and Anthony ran the last 10KM to Surfers Paradise. The boys were exhausted, the ski leg was huge, the swim and board were horrendous belting into the huge swell and wind and the run on the soft sand really difficult.

Our two other men's teams went extremely well and new club member Joanna Dounias had a great ski paddle over the 23km in the ladies team.

Our Teams were:

A Team

Tom Woodriff (Ski) Quinn Darragh (swim) Larn Darragh (Board) Anthony Carroll (runner)

B Team

Bruce Hopkins (Ski) John McCarthy (swim) Stephen Ford (Board) Brett Walsh (runner)

Master Team

Teddy Clifford (Ski) Martin Palfrey (swim) John Botella (Board) Chris Gunn (runner)

Ladies

Joana Dounias (Ski) Madeline Palfrey (swim) Julia Tyrrell (board) Siobhan McCarthy (runner)

Thanks goes to everyone who helped our teams out at the event. Well done boys and girls.

Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim

It's getting to that time of year again when the Club runs the B2B. This is our major fund raiser and all hands on deck are requested. You have plenty of time to defer your overseas business trip and/or holiday so you are here for it. The date is Sunday 3rd December. You have been given plenty of notice. Please help.

Nippers

The first day of Nippers went off without too much of a hitch. Plenty of kids and plenty of mums, dads and helpers. It's great to see so many of the kids coming down to training in the afternoons during the week. They look like they are having fun and at the same time are getting some expert advice and training from the experts. Well done to Lindsay Cotterill and his team.

Club News

- Life Member Bill Singleton was recently elected Patron of Surf Life Saving Sydney. What a great honour for Bill who is respected the length and breadth of Australia. Bill's achievement is another first — not only was he the first and only Bronte member to be the President of Sydney Branch, he has lifted the stakes and become the Patron. What a great bloke!
- The Club has appointed a qualified surf board riding coach. With financial support from Ray White Clovelly Coogee/ Bondi Junction Ryan Clarke has agreed to be Bronte's board riding coach. This initiative by the club will hopefully see the start of the Club again being a force in this area. Hell, Bluey will never shut up!
- Mick Webster is crook. Had a turn up in his crane high above the city skyline. Another crane was used to get him out. Pretty scary. Mick is recovering and further details will be posted when they come to hand.
- The surf boat was left out in the park at the back of the Club last week. The young smarties decided to carry it up the top of the grass hill and slide down and over the retaining wall. Good news on two fronts. Firstly minimal damage to the boat and secondly it's the first time the boat has gone straight for several years.
- Wait, there's more re the boats. Life Member Kevin Grace's ashes were spread 2 weeks ago. I know you have already guessed what's next, but I'll still tell you. It was a rainy miserable type of day with a strong southerly and reasonable swell coming in. Zipper and the colts were going to take the ashes out but Simon Paterson stepped in and said his A crew would perform. You can imagine Zipper's disappointment at not having to do the honours on a cold, wet windy miserable day. However he overcame his disappointment and with a good contingent of mourners watched in horror as Pato decided against sneaking out in the south corner and opted for a full frontal attack in the middle of the beach — all this in a rising southerly swell in rain and wind. Do I need to go on? Finally after the boat and rowers and ashes were recovered from the north corner and words of advice from Swerving Mervin Gladstone, Pato set off again. The ashes were eventually spread with dignity, but just to show his first efforts were no fluke, Pato decided to catch a wave back in, and of course right in the middle. No need to go into details. The mourners left the sanctity of the balcony to warmer conditions at the Club bar. Pato eventually got the boat, oars, rowers etc back on terra firma around 7pm that night. Zipper reckons it was a pretty slick effort. Barbara Condon, Kevin's carer when he was still with us stated that Kevin would have expected no less. Me neither!
- Bluey is seen regularly walking dogs in the arvo in and around Bronte Park. They are generally poodles with dyed fur; you know the pinks and blues you see the alternate society with. Bluey has developed a bit of a mince in his gait as he strolls around. When he develops a lisp, look out.
- Up at Byron Bay recently and noticed in the local rag that the local Surf Club celebrated their centenary. Well done Byron. What particularly caught my eye was the guest of honour, none other than Ron Rankin, President of SLS Australia. Ron was quoted in the press as saying how great it was the BB SLSC had achieved 100 years of community service and not had one drowning whilst patrols were on duty. We all agree but Ron's memory must be a little short. He stated on TV a few weeks back that Bondi SLSC was the first Club and their Centenary will be in 2007. The man's gotten mixed up big time; Clovelly, North

Bondi, Tamarama have all had Centenary Celebrations over the past 12 months and Maroubra are about to have theirs. Of course we had ours in 2003.

- Corey Oliver has returned as caretaker. Had a rough trot lately. He was up to his knees in excrement when the Club's sewer pipe burst last week. He was literally shovelling sh-t. It can only get better Corey. Also lets help him out a bit as well. The front roller shutter is being left open at night. Show some sense and close it if you see it open.

Sponosrs

As stated previously this section will give members an insight into some of our sponsors and how you as a member may be able to assist them and consequently the Club and also how they may be able to help you.

- **Cartwright Insurance Brokers** – as you may have noticed, this year's budget changes are predominantly regarding superannuation and the way it is structured but also included tax cuts and pension rule changes. Some of these changes will have a major effect on the manner in which you can structure your investments and insurance. Cartwright Insurance Brokers are offering a free review through their financial services division of how these changes will affect you. Do yourself a favour and take advantage of this offer. Please contact Cartwright Insurance Brokers on (02) 9387 6677.

The Club has a number of members who run their own business. Have a look at the group below and use them. The Club often uses their services and they provide a good service in their respective areas of expertise. A sample below.

- Richard Raine — AFT Australia Pty Ltd — Fire Safety Services. Not a bad idea when you consider just the basic rules re smoke alarms in houses being law these days.
- Mark Dwyer — Pacific Locksmiths — good workmanship, prompt and good value.
- Jeff Lydan — electrician.
- Trent Serafini — electrician.
- Greg Clifford — plumber
- John Botella & Ken McDonald - Pipeline Plumbing.
- Reg O Grady — computer services.
- Belinda Clemesha - Ray White Clovelly — real estate services

Over the Bow - IRB News & Views

IRB Vice Captain David Stone is back in the swing again after standing down as Club captain for this season David Jones is the IRB Captain, supported by others behind the scenes including Kate Reed, Cam Miles, Marty Nearhos and Matt Kilkenny.

Speaking of David Jones, he has a broken ankle as a result of an IRB training accident on the weekend — we wish him a speedy recovery and plenty of nursing. Will be in plaster for a few months and will stop him enjoying swimming/surfing this season and skiing later in the season.

Current Training Squad - the IRB Drivers and crewing squad of Winter 06 is in full flight towards exams in November after a 13 week course, and will be ready to meet the challenge of driving an IRB at Bronte Beach. This team of stalwarts had an easy start with fairly pleasant conditions but over the last three weeks have seen the Bronte Edge spark up and create challenges. Fallouts - driver or crew overboard - have occurred (including yours truly), a roll over, and the usual fun of the fair minor injuries — with the exception of DJ's injury

Crew Wanted — One Day Course. The Club is looking at participating in a one day training course for Crew — the requirement being a full day of crew activity, then an assessment. Upon completion of the crewing course, a pre

requisite number of crewing hours needs to be met, and then there is the option of participating in the longer driving course. If interested please email me.

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That is all for now. It s a big one so enjoy the read.