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Weekly Newsletter

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Patrols

This coming weekend's patrols are:

Saturday 4th February

Patrol 1, 10am — 2.15pm

Patrol 5, 1.45pm — 6.00pm

Sunday 5th February

Patrol 9, 9am — 1:45pm

Patrol 14, 1.15pm — 6:00pm

Remember Cadet patrol members do the last 2 hours of the patrol to which you are rostered. Any queries in this regard should be directed to Club Captain David Stone or Vice Captain Cameron Miles.

If you have any problems or questions please contact either David Stone private1@bigpond.com or Cameron Miles c_miles@tpg.com.au

Captain's Corner

Not much to report but all members should be aware to maintain their patrol obligations as we get into the business end of the season. This especially applies to competitors who have to have completed 25 hours to qualify for the big carnivals.

BIG SWIM

Stop Press re Martin Palfrey's swim last week. Bob Hollaway kindly offered his 16ft tinny which was great and Scott Doble was his deck hand. The race had about 30 participants and was going very well with a midfield placing likely.

Martin swam past fishing boats which were working their berley trails so the shark was no big surprise. We were 1hr and 4.5km into the race when the Bob and Scott got the word to get every one out NOW.

Rod Kerr was on his jet ski with the race leader (the world champ open water swimmer Josh Santacaterina) when he saw the shark which was longer than his jet ski on the surface, 15m from Josh and heading straight for him. Rod headed at the shark and did a tail-spin to divert it then spun around and picked up Josh who was oblivious to it all.

The jet skis then tried scare it off but it wouldn't move, and with the pack getting closer, Stephen Ford, the race director cancelled the swim. Bob finished up with 11 people in his boat and 2 Bronte boards.

John McCarthy was paddling towards two swimmers when Bob H picked them up in his crowded boat. Bob then took Martin to Manly beach where he was lucky enough to win the family team category with his 3 children in the 2km Cole Classic, beating Spot Anderson's team of brothers by 3 mins. Martin received a Zip Tap for his efforts.

Stephen Ford did a great job in organizing the North Head swim as did our Bronte heroes Rod Kerr, Bob Hollaway and Scott Doble.

Club Management Restructure

After various meetings work is continuing on this important change to the Club. Further meetings will be held to explain in greater detail the changes to the management of the Club. The date for the special meeting is at this stage set for Sunday 9th April 2006. Meanwhile the new draft constitution is being finalised and when completed will be put on the Club's web site.

Dates to Remember

- 11th February Branch Championships Bondi
- 12th February Nippers Branch Championships Bondi
- 11th — 26th February World Championships Lorne & Geelong
- 12th February Club Championships 1st round
- 5th March Club Championships 2nd round
- 3rd — 5th March Junior State Cronulla
- 9th March NSW State Masters
- 10th March NSW State Championships
- 28th March Australian Championships
- 9th April Special General Meeting re New Constitution
- 23rd April Veterans Day Re-union
- 25th April Anzac Day

World Championships - Fund Raiser

The first draw re the 200 Club went off last Sunday with some Bronte regulars winning. Peter Sailer and Stephen Hall both \$250 each. Memo Stephen, your \$250 is in the office waiting for you to collect.

The second draw is this coming Sunday after Bluey's speech at the Sunday social. Another 2 draws each worth \$250 is on offer so get down to the Club.

Carnival Results

There were a heap of results last Saturday at the Coogee carnival. The boaties cleaned up with Bronte being represented in the finals of the Open, B and Junior divisions; the juniors recorded their first win and looked very impressive.

The R&R continued its winning ways and the board and skis and swimmers achieved outstanding results. A large contingent of Bronte spectators was at the beach to cheer on the blue and gold. Dual Aussie gold medallist Ian Timewell was at the boat section all day while Life members Mick Murtagh, Dennis Milne, Barry Brignell and Ross Miles patrolled the promenade, not wanting to get sand on their feet. They were joined Terry Woodward, Gary Vesper and Col McDermid. A good time was had by all, especially at the Palace afterwards.

Well done to our competitors and we look forward to the form continuing at the Branch this week. All members, if they have the time, should get across to Bondi to cheer the Bronte teams on; Saturday for the open carnival and Sunday for the Nippers.

It's a shame the Branch doesn't publish the results in the Sunday papers like the north side.

Selection for Aussies

Don't forget that entry in the Australian Championships and hence the Club's team is based on being selected. Selection criteria is in the past 4 annual reports but revolves around patrols, entry at carnivals, results, Club involvement etc.

Surf Training

Malcolm Allen is running a surf swim squad at South Maroubra on Wednesdays at 4.45pm. Mal is a legend in the surf as well as a former Olympian and his coaching sessions are technique and fitness based. All competitors of all ages are welcome.

CLUB NEWS

The bad news is finished.

- Club Patron, stalwart and everyone's friend and mentor is well after his operation. Fortunately the operation wasn't as major as first thought and reports are that Frank is well and giving cheek. Roland Pisani very generously took Gwen out to see Frank in hospital last Tuesday. Roland reports that Gwen was very appreciative but he had to break a few speed records on the return journey so Gwen could see her favourite soapie on the TV.
- Merv & Pat Gladstone are back after a week down at Jindabyne. Someone forgot to tell Merv there is no snow at this time of year so he missed out on skiing.
- Talk of skiing, Tojo & Rosie Milne are back from Switzerland after a month of skiing. Tojo, who has never seen rain whenever on holidays, reports that the Swiss ski fields were perfect and he skied in perfect sunny conditions. Strange considering hundreds of people have been freezing to death in blizzards this winter throughout Europe. Must be in other countries.
- The Club Rugby side will soon need to dust off its boots and denco-rub as the season commences in approximately 8 weeks. The team won the premiership last season and is looking for a repeat. **Bob Tate's Clovelly Hotel** has again generously agreed to sponsor the team. New faces into the management ranks include Terry Spots Woodward, who will assist whilst yours truly has a sabbatical in the UK in April.
- The Sunday social continues to increase in popularity with very large crowds at the Club each Sunday afternoon. I'm not sure whether it's the weather, conversation, time of year, quality of service & product from Turpsy, Bluey's speech, the outstanding munchies provided by our kitchen committee or a combination of the lot. However you are missing a great end of week outing if you aren't here.

Board Lockers

The board locker area in the boat shed at the back of the Club is being abused. Apart from the fact the area looks and smells like a pig sty, there are empty beer bottles, cartons and food wrappers all over the floor. In addition, non-members are using lockers. Also many lockers have not yet been paid for.

At the end of next week, all lockers that are not recorded as being financial will be locked with a Club padlock. I suggest you pay up quickly or risk having your gear/board unavailable for a short period.

Bronte SLSC History Book

The Book written by Stan Vesper is in the process of the final write. Various publishing/editing and marketing sub-committee advisors have been formed and are working in the background to ensure its success.

The Book will have a number of categories (i.e. platinum, gold etc with varying qualities of binding and other attributes etc) and associated purchase prices.

I urge all members to purchase a copy, as it will be a good read and will have a large collection of outstanding photographs of the area, club and individuals. Details will be released soon and pre publishing orders and sales will be sort.

Sergeant at Arms - continues

You may have noticed the svelte figure of Doug Benson at the Club on Saturday and Sunday arvos. Doug has taken up residence at the front of the Club to keep louts, idiots and other non-members out of the Club during this period. We have had some security issues on weekend afternoons when the patrol is on the beach and the Club is open. **Don't be offended if Doug questions you on your membership status** — it is ultimately for your benefit. The roller shutter is being kept shut and entry is via the wet entry at the side.

Fees

I'm sick of asking. If you haven't paid, your membership is now cancelled.

Do's & Don'ts – they still exist

- No dogs in Club. Enough said.
- No parking in the park. All cars and trailers will be booked by the rangers. The next step, which is not too far away, is that all keys will be cancelled and no cars whatsoever will enter the park. That means boat trailers, board and ski trailers, delivery vehicles and tradesmen's vehicles. Be smart and work within the rules or it will become a car free zone!
- No kids in bar area.

DON T FORGET — IF YOU WANT SOMETHING IN THE NEWSLETTER, EMAIL, WRITEPHONE OR CONTACT THE OFFICE SOMEHOW.

Warning

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