

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB Inc.

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Presentation Night 2007/2008 31 May 2008

Congratulations to our Awardees on the Night:

Clubperson of the Year	John Mitchell
Junior Clubperson of the Year	Jessica Barnes
Cadet Clubperson of the Year	Josh Barnes
Recruit of the Year -	Warwick Pearce. Special Mention: Neil Lenehan
Patrolperson of the Year	Peter Saint. Special Mention: Brett Beswick
Junior Patrolperson	Nat Gathercole. Special Mention: Dan O'Brien
Patrol of the Year	Gary Hore's patrol (Capt Gary Hore, Ian Gillespie Graham Ball, Nigel Ball, Matthew Clark, Richard Dare, Brett Hunter, Ross Johnston James Reeves, Brad Scott, Bruce Thurlow, Bronwyn van der Graff.
Competitor's Competitor	Lachlan Tame / Aaron Benson
Female Competitor	Annie Stalley
Male Competitor	Lachlan Tame
Boatie of the Year	Paul Nicholls
Female Boatie	Julia Mitchell
Masters Competitor	Ben Hamilton
Surf Sports Encouragement Award	Maxine Short
Surf Sports Coaches Award	Luke Carmichael
Roll Over	Ian Wiseman

AGM Reminder

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on 10 August, 2008.

Any Members wishing to stand for any positions, should now seriously consider their nomination.

Any sectional head, committee member, patrol captain, not intending to renew their position, can they please let the executive know.

At this stage, most seem to be renewing their positions, however some roles such as Carnival Entries Coordinator are now vacant.

Annual Report

All those outstanding reports are now WELL over due and impacting on our ability to get the complete annual report available for July.

Surf Patrol

Monday nights, Channel 7, 8pm

Avoca Beach has featured in the last two episodes and is the spotlight of tonight's episode:

with the tale of reckless teenagers landing themselves in serious trouble. The Channel 7 preview says: " Teenage thrill seekers tempt fate by jumping off the rocks at Avoca Beach, north of Sydney. Despite lifesavers' best efforts to warn of the dangers, it all goes horribly wrong for one boy

Great to view (except when full patrolling uniforms are not in evidence!) Tom Morrow, Troy Davis, Tami Hunt, Jess Davis, Rob Davis have all featured to date.

The Club's Night of Nights was, once again, a terrific night with many highlights:

Dave Stalley Boatie Video

There were many tingles down the spine, goosebumps and moist eyes as the Club witnessed a truly amazing short documentary on our boaties. Dave managed to capture the true essence, the feeling, the hardwork, mateship and the beauty of being a boatie on the lake in the early morning. The figure of Richard Brierty between waves was just awesome. We wish Dave every bit of luck and success for the future, as what we saw, was stunning. (Dave also produced a great short documentary on the row down the Murray last year and this was funny and sharp and once again got the true essence of the trip).

Thank you to Dave for also putting together the opening program highlighting the year.

Laurie Power

Thank you Laurie for putting together your little ode to the Boaties, This too was truly unforgettable and held our attention, and was enjoyed by all.

The Hair!

Jules is now a new woman with short swinging hair! Mind you she gave a final few head twirls with her knee length hair before undergoing the chop in the capable hands of Lisa Pearce. Jule's efforts raised nearly \$35000 for the Cancer Council.

Life Member Jacket Presentation

Quentin Riley, Robert Cairncross, Murray Braund, Bill Mitchell, were presented with their jackets by the Life Members present. It indeed special to witness this and hear from our new Life Members just how much this means to them, their memories and their true appreciation of the Club.

The Photo Display

Thank you to Gordon Stalley and Peter Saint for producing these amazing highlights of the year in giant poster form.

Gordon our chief photographer has done a great job all year and photos from the preso night are already available.

The Mess Ups

Well what is Presentation Night without a few hitches! Tony Ide was nearly in the winning straight, and although well acknowledged on the night by Warwick, the true honours went to Paul Nicholls, for Boatie of the Year, which he well deserved. Yes, to all those who asked, I made a mistake. Apologies to Warwick and Paul.

Brett Beswick was failed to be acknowledged as Official for State...Brett did a great job as a jet ski operator throughout the Championships and we were lucky enough to have this included as part of our officials quota.

The Prizes

The Rain Jackets – are jackets in a pocket.. that is the jackets compact into the right hand pocket for ease of travel and handy storage.

The flasks – these also convert into car mugs, the lid for the car mug is in the base of the thermos.

We have jackets, flasks, coasters for sale in the Admin Office should anyone be interested.

As per usual, some were happy with their gifts, others critical, to those, all I can do is encourage to come and assist with the major job of organising it all.

The Bar

Thank you to Mick Foley and his volunteers on the night – Gordon Jones, Spike Jones, Steve Jelfs, Brooke (Weasel) Davison, Daniel (Nugget) McClelland. The boys did a great job and were much appreciated.

Did everyone like our new glasses?

Patrolling Awards

Patrolling Excellence: This award is for those who have done 100% of their rostered hours on their rostered dates, with no substitutions.

100% Patrol: literally means you have done 100% of your rostered hours, but not necessarily on your rostered days. If you have had to miss a rostered patrol due to other commitments, you have ensured someone else has been able to do your rostered patrol via a substitution, and you have not left your patrol short AND that you have made up those hours via volunteer or substitution hours.

As Garry advised on the night, we try to acknowledge all those who have achieved 100% patrol. Sometimes, someone may have been overlooked, or their substitutions have not signed the book correctly. Please contact me if you have feel you have been overlooked.

Farewell

Not only did we farewell Jule's hair, Presentation Night was also a farewell to popular Club Members Brad Cox and Mel Macpherson who are travelling north for a time. Brad and Mel will however be back for a short time in January for their wedding at the Clubhouse!

The Aftermath

Contrary to much of the talk around the place on Sunday, the Clubhouse looked much like it does after other major functions where Members generally enjoyed and behaved themselves, and it was great to see our so many Members stay on and enjoy themselves. Nor was the place trashed. Unfortunately, much later in the night, an uninvited, non-member, non Avoca resident did arrive and was refused service, and created a disturbance, resulting in some damage in one area. The matter is being looked after and all damages will be repaired. This had nothing whatsoever to do with any of our Members.

Clean Up

Thank you to Joe Murray, Garry Clarke, Steve Jelfs, John Mitchell, Lee Dean and Mick Foley who were all on board the next morning cleaning, packing and tidying. Great effort guys! (Particularly after their 4am bedtime!)

MC Garry Clarke

Thank you to Garry for MCing and providing the power point display that kept the night flowing. The Club endeavours to do the Presentation as quickly as possible, but with a Club the size of ours, the amount of people involved, the amount of awards undertaken, all which needs to be acknowledged, and in particular our core business which is life saving, so to all those who completed additional awards throughout the season, or achieved 100% and patrol excellence, congratulations.

Thanks also to Wendy Norman whose assistance in the morning and on the night was gratefully appreciated, and much needed. Sorry about your missed meal.

With the amount of work involved in presentation nights, it would be great to see a committee come on board and organise the night and share the workload, and most importantly, the gift selections.

Thank you for everyone attending, - special thanks to all those who organised, booked and paid for your tickets and tables in advance. To the few who have yet to pay, it would be appreciated if you could arrange immediate payment, otherwise invoices will be sent out next week.

And so we start 2008/09.... Good luck to all, may we patrol the beaches with care and diligence (*and in full patrol uniform!!*), may we continue to learn and reap and may our competitors continue to do us proud with great sportsmanship, and may we continue to show all and sundry the pride we have in "Our Club" and the blue, green and the gold!

Information for Members

Currently the Club provides information to our Members via: -

- Newsletters
- Member Renewal Information Sheet
- Member Manual (located in the Captains Office)
- Patrol Captain Manual
- Website.

Other sources of information are via

SLSA website

SLS NSW website

SLS NSW Operating Procedures Manuals

During the off season, the Club will be updating all the Club information for the new season.

Over the past month, several people have felt they have not been provided with information or that information has been withheld. For anyone who has looked at the SLS websites & manuals, they realise that there is an enormous amount of information covering the very many areas SLS is involved in and it is hard for us to include everything.

If you feel or know any further information that you feel should be covered in our information kits, please let me know.

SLS CC AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Tickets are now available from the Clubhouse for the SLS CC Awards of Excellence on Saturday 1st 4 June. Tickets are \$60 and nominee tickets \$30 as these are subsidized by the Club. Good luck to the following nominees on the night:

Brad McCloghry	Jnr Athlete of the Year
Tayla Nicholl	U15 Athlete of the Year
Jessica Davis	U17 Athlete of the Year
Adam Houghton	U17 Athlete of the Year
Lachlan Tame	U19 Athlete of the Year
Mel Macpherson	Open Athlete of the Year
Ben Hamilton	Masters Athlete of the Year
Aaron Benson & Lachlan Tame	Team of the Year - U19 Double Ski
Matt Mitchell	Coach of the Year
Craig Anderson	Assessor of the Year
Rob Davis	Official of the Year
Brett Beswick	Life Saver of the Year
Garry Clarke	Volunteer of the Year.

MEMBER & CLUB NEWS:

Congratulations **Chris (Chunky) Turner** on the birth of his baby son.

Congratulations **Ian Gillespie** on becoming a Grandfather.

Have a great holiday **Garry Clarke**

Keep on enjoying your holidays Bob & Jan Dorrell, Mike Tamblyn and any other holidaying Club Members... half your luck!

Welcome back to Avoca **Spike & Nan Jones**. To those who don't know them, Spike and Nan have been an invaluable part of our Club for many years, Spike as past president, instructor, trainer. Nan was a driving force behind Nippers and a great administrator for the Seniors, responsible for getting so much of our records on the national database, a job which is often underestimated, but I for one, truly appreciate the huge amount of work she had accomplished. Both are walking encyclopedias on Avoca Beach Surf Club!

The Club Admin Office will remain open during winter with the same office hours:

Monday 10 to 4
Thursday 2 to 5
Saturday 9 to 12.

FORTHCOMING COURSES

Courses are at the SLS CC Branch Office at Tuggerah. All courses must be booked in via the Club Admin Office.

Spinal Management: 18 June, 21 July, 20 August, 15 September, 22 October, 17 November, 10 December

Defibrillation: 16 June, 23 July, 18 August, 17 September, 20 October, 19 November, 8 December

Advanced Emergency Care: 10 November

Senior First Aid: 28 June, 30 August, 12 September, 29 November, 13 December

Basic Beach Management: 21 June, 9 August, 18 October

Training Officers: 5 July

Advanced Emergency Care: 11 August

Gold Medallion: 11 October,

Exercise Classes at the Clubhouse:

Below is a list of exercise classes held at the Club and available for Club members:

Yogalates

Monday 9:30am, Wednesday 6pm, Friday 9am
Contact Anne: 0411 049 969

Pilates

Thursday 6pm, Wednesday 9am
Contact Michelle: 0425 224 532 or 4384 5005

Yoga

Tuesday 6pm
Contact Melissa: 0413 925 211

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