



North Curl Curl Chatter

Official Newsletter of the
North Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Surf Club

Welcome to the 2009/2010 season

Welcome to all members, both new and old, to yet another season of surf patrols, competitive endeavors, and general mate ship. Whilst it feels like



Ian Thurgood—Club President

only yesterday that we dropped the flags and moved into winter mode, we are now into the 2009/2010 season. This promises to be a huge year for our club, with our membership numbers reaching over 870 so far, with still more to be processed, easily surpassing last years' total registrations.

During the ever shortening off season, we have been very busy on a number of fronts.

Given the growing number of members in the club, we ran a number of training courses in the winter to reduce the burden during the season proper, including numerous Advanced Resuscitation courses, Defibrillator, Senior First Aid, and even IRB training.

Around the club, we made some aesthetic changes, which included the installation of a new sound system, and an overhead projection system which was donated by **BT Financial Group**.

This came to great use when we hosted a State Of Origin night at the club, which was well attended by our members, and could well be the start of a regular event.

Our club kiosk is currently undergoing a much needed refurbishment in preparation for what is expected to be a long hot summer. This work includes a total strip and refit, and will be finished in time to be open for business when our Nippers kick off in mid October if all goes to plan.

And you will see new faces behind the counter, as the kiosk is now under new management.

We have been a little slow in getting our Memorabilia Committee up and running, but the winter saw progress made with some ideas put together on how to best display the heritage and history of our proud club, configured in a way that does not detract from the presentation of our facility. Since our renovations last year, bookings of the club for events have been steadily increasing, and we are close to 100% booked through to early next year already. This presents the club with a fantastic and much needed revenue stream.

During the off season we became one of the first surf clubs on the northern beaches to be a registered Good Sports club,

receiving our Level 1 accreditation.

Good Sports aims to reduce alcohol and other drug problems in community sports organisations like ours, increasing the viability of sporting clubs and improving the range and quality of sport options available within the community.

Benefits for our club includes a broader membership base, increase in revenue streams, and improved community relationships in general. Our intention is to gain Level 2 and then Level 3 accreditation in the not too distant future.

Again this year we have fantastic financial support from our loyal sponsors, including **BT Financial Group**, and **Bendigo Bank**. Thanks to their generous contributions, we are able to make sure our patrols are fully equipped with the latest kit, enabling them to provide a second to none surf rescue service.

So as we all return to the familiar regime of the summer months, take the time to enjoy our great location and facilities, and have a safe and happy surf life saving season.

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Some faces on the Board

Ian Thurgood
Club President



Julie Tassone
Director Administration



Stuart Wye
Director Finance



Geoff Pickering
Director Junior Activities



Ray Merton
Director Life Saving Instruction



2009 Annual General Meeting

A couple of major milestones were recognised at the North Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club 2009 Annual General Meeting.

Jimmy Newton and Leslie OKeefe were both awarded their 50 Years Service Awards at the meeting.

Jimmy is still an active member at Tweed Heads/Coolangatta SLSC, where he has also been recognised for 50 Years National Patrol Service.

Les was present at the AGM, and provided an insight into his service that spanned not only North Curl Curl, but also Avalon and Manly Surf Life Saving Clubs, going back to 1952 when he first received his Bronze Medallion.

Andrew Broad was also recognised for 25 Years Service, and Lisa Jones, Roger Harris and Frank Lindley were all recognised for 30 Years Service.

The meeting saw the election of the new board and committee for the 2009/2010 season. Whilst most of last years' team were back on board for the new season, there are some new faces on the team, as well as the return of some old faces that will help steer North Curl Curl SLSC through our 88th season, including Chris Stoneman and Stuart Wye. See below for all the positions.

Elected Board & Delegates

PRESIDENT: Ian Thurgood
 VICE PRESIDENT: Alex Wye
 PATRON: Dave Murray
 VICE PATRON / CLUB DOCTOR: Michael Armstrong
 DIRECTOR LIFE SAVING, CLUB CAPTAIN: Alex Wye
 VICE CAPTAIN: Greg Stretton
 DIRECTOR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES: Geoff Pickering
 DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATION: Julie Tassone
 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATION: Audrey Bruen
 DIRECTOR SURF SPORTS: Neil Coltman
 DIRECTOR FINANCE: Stuart Wye
 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCE: Colin Wilson
 DIRECTOR SURF LIFE SAVING INSTRUCTION: Ray Merton
 ASSISTANT SLS INSTRUCTION: Phil Godbee
 DIRECTOR MARKETING: Andrew Waddington
 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MARKETING: Chris Stoneman
 CLUB REGISTRAR: Julie Tassone
 PUBLICITY OFFICER: Louis Tassone
 OCCUPATION HEALTH & SAFETY: Frank Gates

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER: Louis Tassone/Julie Tassone
 GEAR STEWARD: David Jones
 RADIO OFFICER: Alex Wye
 FIRST AID OFFICER: Lisa Messenger
 CLUB HISTORIAN: Kevin Martin
 SPORTS GYM MANAGER: Frank Gates
 RACE SECRETARY: Jon Phippard
 ASSISTANT RACE SECRETARY: Noel Langthorne
 BRANCH DELEGATE: Neil "Harry" Coltman
 BOAT DELEGATE: Justin Lowry
 VICE BOAT DELEGATE: Sean Stacey
 BOARD & SKI DELEGATE: Glenn Coltman
 IRB CAPTAIN: Brett Kirby
 VICE IRB CAPTAIN: Ben Dreghorn & Todd Sample
 CADET AGE MANAGER: Steve Hagon
 JUNIOR CAPTAIN (MALE): Adam Atkins
 JUNIOR CAPTAIN (FEMALE): Kate Phippard
 SOCIAL OFFICER (SENIORS): Julie Tassone/Audrey Bruen
 SOCIAL OFFICER (JUNIORS): Phil Waddington



North Curl Show The Way At Inter Branch Golf Day

Blue skies and the occasional light breeze greeted teams for the 2009 Sydney Northern Beaches Inter Branch Golf Day, held at the Bayview Golf Course. There were representations from many of the 21 clubs that make up our branch (with some notable absentees - no comment), with our club providing 5 teams of keen golfers for the day, probably the biggest contingent from a single club. The

North Curl boys contributed to the spirit of the day, maintaining a competitive but entertaining demeanor as they made their way around the course.

When it came down to the final scores, 3 of our teams were in the top 10, with our esteemed boaties managing to burgle a 2nd place for the day. This was all the more unbelievable given that Justin Lowry's team were

following Rob Watson's group around the course, but some how managed to take a wrong turn at the 10th hole, and ended up playing their own personal layout for the day, and instead of finishing just after Rob's team at around 11:45, they were seen finally strolling up to the club house at around 1:00pm. Must have been Sean Stacey's navigation skills that let them down.....!!!!



The Wiz Report

North Curl Curl SLSC will commence the 2009/2010 season with 135 club members (85 males and 50 females) on the patrol roster. Of these 135 rostered patrol members, 121 have their Bronze Medallions and 14 have their Surf Rescue Certificates.

Even though the patrol ranks have been supplemented by nine extra club members, we actually have almost twenty patrol members less than at the completion of last season. This is due to the retirement and unavailability of a few personnel, as well as the deliberate omissions from the current patrol roster of those patrol members who were absent for in excess of twenty patrol hours during the 2008/2009 season.

Patrol captains should not have to endure unreliable people on their patrols. Therefore, as a measure of support for them, the I will be implementing a "three strikes and you're out" policy during this season. In essence, this means that any patrol member who misses three patrols without substitution or reasonable explanation will be automatically deleted from the patrol roster and replaced by a successful candidate from the various Bronze Medallion squads occurring during the season.

Surf life saving awards are fairly well distributed amongst all twelve patrols. The club is in a very healthy state with respect to surf life saving qualifications, with the minimum SLSA requirement of one of each of these awards on each patrol being easily met.

However, far from being complacent, I have in conjunction with Ray Merton (Director Surf Life Saving Instruction) have been in discussions regarding

which patrols require "topping up" with respect to the various surf life saving awards.

A most enlightening and rewarding Patrol Captains' Meeting was held in the off season to plan for the forthcoming patrol season. Nearly all patrol captains were able to attend and I wish to thank all those that were present for both their time and input.

It appears that North Curl Curl SLSC performed well in the Gear Inspection performed by Branch in August, and I wish to thank Brett Kirby, Ben Dregghorn, Todd Sample, Ray Merton, Ross Tillman, Ian Thurgood and Andrew Waddington for their assistance on the day.

Whilst the required items were methodically presented, there were a few aspects of Gear Inspection that can be viewed as a "learning curve" for future seasons. For example, although we more than adequately covered all the essential resources required, our recording of these resources in Surfguard (which is the new SLSA expectation) could be improved upon, especially with respect to the serial numbers of the replacement items.

I will endeavor to work more closely with the incoming Gear Steward, David Jones and Club Admin, Audrey Bruen, to ensure that the appropriate new items of surf life saving gear that are purchased by the club that need to be recorded in Surfguard are immediately done.

See you on the beach, between the flags
Alex Wye, Director Surf Life Saving

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The 2009 World Masters Games will be held in Sydney from 10-18 October, having been held every four years since they began in Toronto, Canada in 1985.

Open to people of all abilities and most ages, the World Masters Games are the world's largest multi-sport event, attracting twice as many competitors than the Olympic Games. A significant, fundamental difference between the World Masters Games and the Olympic Games is that World Masters Games are open to people of all abilities rather than just elite athletes, with the emphasis on participation. To compete at the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games, people only need to satisfy their sport's minimum age, which ranges from 25 to 35, depending on the sport.

As part of the games, Manly Beach will host the World Masters Surf Life Saving over the weekend of October 10-11, so we can see some of the best competitors in the world compete close to home. If you get a chance, get down there to see the action.



Curly's Calendar

- > Sat Oct 3rd
Flags up for Patrols
- > Sat & Sun
Oct 10th & 11th
World Masters
Surf Life Saving
Manly Beach
- > Sun Oct 11th
Sunday Events for
Seniors start for
new season, 11:00
am
- > Sun Oct 18th
Sunday Nippers
commence—9:15
am
- > Sun Oct 25th
Bronze Medallion
Course, 3:00pm at
the Club
- > Sun Oct 25th & Nov
8th—First 2 of 4
Proficiency Days
for Seniors mem-
bers, 11:00am at
the Club for all
awards
- > For all the latest
event details, visit
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Rescue 2010 Visits The Land of the Pharaohs

The Surf Life Saving World Championships for 2010 will take place in probably the last location one would think of holding any form of a surf carnival, Alexandria in Egypt.

The most people know of Egypt is that it is the home of the great pyramids and the Sphinx. For the uninitiated, Alexandria is the second largest city in Egypt, and is known as the "Pearl of the Mediterranean". Founded by Alexander the Great in 331 BC (hence the name), the location promises to provide a fantastic historical backdrop for the events, which take place in October 2010.

Whilst that seems a long time away, for the North Curl Curl team planning on being part of Rescue 2010, it means that the time for fund raising is here. The Board & Ski team are undertaking a number of activities to raise the required funds to make the trip, and kicked things off by hosting a BBQ at our 2 club registration days.

There certainly shouldn't be any shortage of sand for the beach events, but will the Mediterranean

provide any challenge for the water competitors?

Well believe it or not, Egypt is supposedly the location for some of the best waves on the Mediterranean Coast, just ask the Egyptian Surfing Federation—yes, they have a surfing community! The Egyptian Board Riding Committee website (www.egypt-board-riding.com) shows a number of beach breaks dot the coastline near the host city, including The Library (St. Anthony's) which can produce one of the largest waves in Egypt. But research so far has failed to spot anything more than a Scarborough like bump for competitors—but they do have some great kite surfing and you guessed it, great sand boarding! And as for hazards, apparently you have to look out for rebar and other construction materials in the water in the cities—and in the Frontier Zones, watch out for the Coast Guard—not sure what that means

← Buqbuq Beach 16 Sidi Barani 15



Map of the Beach Breaks in Alexandria Egypt

Annual Golf Day Returning to Mona Vale

This year we return to Mona Vale Golf Course for the North Curl Curl SLSC Annual Golf Day, to be held on December 28th. Breakfast will be served at 7:00am, with a shot gun start at 8:00am. Following golf, lunch will be available back at the Surf Club.

Fees are \$120 for seniors, and \$70 for Under 18 players. Hole sponsorship is available for \$400 (which includes the round fees for you). All proceeds will go towards purchasing and maintaining much needed surf life saving equipment.

If you have any prizes that you would like to donate for the day, please let us know

For more details, contact **Rob Watson** (99054680) or **Chris Stoneman** (0416 261142).

Also we are looking for people to help on the day with breakfast cooking, lunch cooking, raffles and auctioneering. Email curly-cut01@optusnet.com.au if you can help



Nippers Ready For a Record Season

Well the footy boots have been put away and the netball hoops have been taken down, so it must be time for the new Nippers season to kick off. This year we limited registrations to just the 2 registration days in September, which at first was thought might impact our numbers for the 2009/2010 season.

Well at last count, we had just under 550 registered Junior Activities members, and there are still some registrations to be processed. So we look like having the biggest numbers on record this year.

With so many little competitors to look after, Geoff Pickering and his support crew are working on plenty of plans to make sure all our youngsters have fun during the summer, whilst also catering for the up and comers that are keen competitors.

Tony Williams has enlisted the help of Rob Lovely, Martin Gall and Matt Heaton to put together a comprehensive and specialized training program, which covers boards, surf swimming and Iron person for the Nippers that are keen to compete in carnivals. No doubt they will need plenty of help from parents to ensure there is sufficient water safety during the training sessions, others training session will no go ahead.

For those youngsters just getting into the swing of competing, there will be training incorporated with normal Sunday events, ensuring that we cater for all levels, and ensuring we continue to go from strength to strength in our junior ranks.

The team is also enlisting some of the senior club members to help provide some learning activities for the Nippers at Sunday events, covering surf skills and awareness, and other practical activities. For the Nippers, it's a chance to learn from our experienced older members, as well as providing an opportunity to bridge the gap between the junior ranks and our senior club in a very tangible way.

As far as running the Junior Activities goes, Geoff is still looking for some volunteers to join the JAC team for 2009/2010. The following positions are still open—Treasurer, Secretary, Education Officer, Education Co-Ordinator, Surf Board Riding Co-Ordinator, Social Committee.

If you can help out, please contact Geoff via email at gpickering@rh.co.au.

The Office Bearers for the 2009/2010 Nippers Season are as follows -

Director of JAC : Geoff Pickering

Assistant Director of JAC : Colin Moyes

Treasurer: VACANT

Public Relations Officer: Karen Heaton

Registrar/Assistant: Denise Binet/
Megan Greentree

Branch Delegate: Simon Spicer

Assistant Branch Delegate: VACANT

Secretary: VACANT

Media Co-ordinator/Sponsorship: Peter Hickey

Photographer: Lisa Moyes/Louis Tassone

Web Controller: Louis Tassone

Awards/Trophy Co-Ordinator: Rob & Sue Lovely

Club Results/Statistics: Rick Chown

Carnival Co-Ordinator: Toni Gurr/
Leanne Pickering

Education Officer: VACANT

Education Co-Ordinator: VACANT

Board/Surf Skills Coach: Tony Williams

Assistant Surf Coach: Martin Gall/Rob Lovely/
Matt Heaton

Surf Team Selector: Tony Williams

Board Repairs/Scrutineering: Peter Dakes

Beach Sprint Coach: Rick Chown

Assistant Beach Sprint Coach: Michael Kember

Beach Team Selector: Rick Chown

Surf Display: VACANT

March Past Co-Ordinator: Matt Glanville

Beach Set Up: James Woolley/Charles Deikman

Water Safety Superintendent: David Jones

Water Safety Co-Ordinators: Paul Burkett/
David Quinn

Head Chef: Phil Waddington

Assistant to Chef: Michelle McGovern

Clothing: Helen Williams/Claire Mayhew

Social Committee: Karen Sparkes/
Jennifer Burkett/Maria Quinn

Age Managers

Under 6: Geoff Dyer

Under 7: Mike Bousamara/Camilla Jennings

Under 8: Phil Cullum/Carter Jackson

Under 9: George Chapman/Sally Prowse

Under 10: Karen Sparkes/Matt Curl

Under 11: Rob Watson/Simon Spicer

Under 12: Colin Moyes

Under 13: Sally Paling/Rob Elphinston

Under 14: Phil McAleer

Regular Sunday events will start on October 18th at 9:15am. Promises to be the start of another great season for our North Curly youngsters !

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Thieves Spoil Season Preparation

Throughout the year we rely on sponsors, fund raising and membership fees to raise money to ensure we have the required equipment and facilities to provide a surf rescue service that meets the high standards the public expects. Unfortunately as we were getting geared up for the new season, some young thieves have disrupted our preparation.

In what is becoming a more frequent problem, a crowd of young teenagers gathered in the club car park, many of them

partaking in alcohol (illegally of course). Some of them decided to break into the club, forcing open one of the doors in the downstairs toilets, and then breaking the door to our office.

Frank Gates, our caretaker, heard what was going on, and when he got into the club he was encountered by a crowd of youngsters, some in the boat shed, and others rummaging through the office. Whilst Frank was dealing with a group of them in the boat shed, where they had managed to start the

ATV up, the others in the office were looking for anything of value, and even started dismantling the club's PC to make off with it.

In the end, they were dispersed, but not before taking off with a number of our patrol radios, just a week out from the start of the season.

The police were called, and despite their presence, most of the crowd in the car park were still intent on loitering around the club, and causing general

mischief. Unfortunately our radios were not recovered, but police did take details of a number of the teenagers, and are continuing to investigate.

In the meantime, we are taking some extra steps to boost the security of the club, and will be looking at various means to reduce the possibility of this recurring problem, including installing an internal security gate.

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If you are after the latest information on what is happening around your club, and you have access to the Internet, visit our club Website at www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au

All the latest activities and events information is maintained on the site, with regular updates to ensure the information is current.

Under the Activities & News page, you will get current news on everything from upcoming meetings, training courses, carnival results and general club functions.

Additional information for Nippers is in the Nippers page under the Our Club section,

In the Members section, we keep the latest patrol, bar and

food rosters, as well as information for what to do on your patrol, and even manuals for the Quadbike.

And for a pictorial snapshot, we have a photo gallery that we are maintaining to capture some of the latest events. You will also find some fascinating historical photos there, which we will be adding to over the coming months. So

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