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CONCLUDING PATROL

On Sunday 26th April, **Karon Lekeu's** Patrol 5 was bolstered by new active members who had passed their Bronze the week before. These new recruits had Red & Yellow fever. They needed an active duty antidote! Just some of this giant patrol group are pictured above. Congratulations to Chief Instructor **Tania Rouse** and all the individual Trainers. They generated 36 new Bronze awards for the club over season 2008-09. Next season is already beckoning !



ESKIMOS OUT OF THEIR IGLOOS!

AGM & first swim were held on 4th May. The water was unfortunately 22 degrees! Congratulations to new President **Lyn Chapman** who succeeds her husband **Nigel** in the position. Lyn is the 1st woman President of any Winter Swimming Club in Australia. Vice-Presidents are **Karon Lekeu & Warwick Lahood**, Captain **Ian “Speccie” Eccles**, Secretary **Jim King**, Treasurer **John “Scats” Stewart**, Junior & Vice Captain **Cerin Campling**, Recorder **Dave Mead**, Caterer **Jeri D’Ornay**, Publicity **Steve Yeates**, Handicappers **Erryn Twigg & Marge Keeble** & Patron **Syd D’Ornay**. Some of them are pictured above.

DIARY DATES
Sat 13 June - Presso Night - Easts Leagues
Sun 12 July - Clovelly SLSC AGM

2ND ANNUAL SPORTS LUNCH

Get the 2nd Friday in May 2010 into your diary now. This year, a sell out crowd of 160 had a great afternoon in the restaurant area of the **Clovelly Hotel** on Friday 8th May. All proceeds of the day go to Clovelly SLSC! The attendance & the successful auctions & raffle will ensure your club a substantial return. None of this was possible without the support of sponsors & supporters & they are listed on the next page. All speakers also gave of their time without charge. The food was excellent. The beer and wine was flowing freely. When Host **Steve “Chimes” Gillis** opened the gates for former champion jockey & raconteur **Malcolm Johnston**, the day was off and racing. **Mal** shared anecdotes from over 20 years on the track. A few highlights- grew up in Forbes: fell off throughout his apprenticeship & hated it: shared a bunkroom with **Kenny Stone** in his formative years with **Theo Green - Ken's** influence was critical to his career development: over 2,000 winners in 11 countries: **Kingston Town** was the greatest ever equine athlete - was adaptable to any conditions, weight or distance & had no pain barrier: **Mal** was suspended 56 times but in 52 of those he was a victim of circumstances e.g. the seagull story: gave himself the nick name **“Miracle”**: 12 chances but never won a Melbourne Cup: many risqué tales with one of the best about a certain young lady’s “racecourse fantasies” and the dream she had about the top of the rise at Royal Randwick. **Kevin Moses** returned this year and

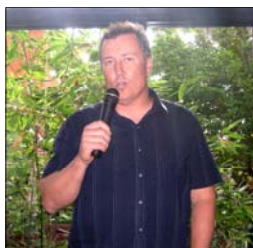


with **“Chimes,”** again displayed his down to earth approach to the racing game. **Kevin** shared reflections on **Malcolm Johnston & Gai Waterhouse**. He now has 30 horses at his stable and owns taxis on the side. **Kevin** provided a few tips, and his stories highlighted his always entertaining dry humour.



SPORTS LUNCH (2nd Half)

Roosters **Willie Mason & Nate Miles** came straight from training & enjoyed lunch despite sitting opposite the Souths mad **Terry Chisholm**. "Local bloke" **Willie** noted that he could see his front verandah from where he was sitting. **Nate** spoke of the Queensland State of origin team. **Willie** reflected on the perils of being a high profile sportsman dealing with the media - "you've got to cop it on the chin, & I've got a big chin."



Next on with "Chimes" was Souths Assistant Coach **Mark Ellison**. **Mark** informed the crowd of the signing of **Michael Crocker** by Souths. He reflected on South's performances this year and his own possible coaching future. **Mark** recollected how **Russel Crowe** told Souths Football Manager **Richo** to

"get him the best", so **Richo** signed **Colin Best**. The final speaker was an inspiration to all, not to mention a great comedian & storyteller. **John Peard** suffered a stroke 3 years ago and had to be assisted on to the stage. Once "**Peardy**" had the microphone in his hand he went from strength to strength. He spoke of what a great mate and sup-



port, Clovelly member **John Chisholm** has been. Not wanting sympathy himself, **Peardy** travels as a Rugby League ambassador and representative of the "Men of League" - this group offers support to needy former players. As with **Mal Johnston**, many of **John's** stories won't be repeated in a family newsletter, but the crowd loved every minute of him. He recalled playing at the old Sydney Sports Ground against Wests, when tomatoes were thrown at the winless Easts team - he just wished they'd been taken out of the cans. John noted that his dad was a comedian-"I was his first joke". When **Jack Gibson** visited John in hospital after his stroke, **Jack** asked "how you going kid", **John** said "a bit slow", to which came the reply, "you never were too quick". The 9th May was the 1st anniversary of **Gibbo's** passing. Or the story of **Chissa** coming up to **Peardy** and saying, "I've broken my nose in 8 places, what should I do?" **Peardy** replied, "You'd better not go back to those places."

There was the one about **Arthur Beetson** treating piles with tea leaf poultices for 3 weeks-when Arthur went to the Doctor and displayed his rear, the doctor started to read the tea leaves! **John** closed with the inspiring words, "keep laughing & ringing those bells."



Thanks Chimes

AROUND YOUR CLUB

- patrons at the club bar at about 6.30pm on Sunday 10th May were drawn out on to the deck by the site of the police helicopter. With spotlights lighting up the water, it flew slowly up and down the Bay at a very low altitude. It then continued what was obviously a search pattern along the coast. We hope it was a false alarm.
- Cianan Fitzgerald** is heading to Pennsylvania USA to work in a summer camp from mid June to mid August.
- 10 Clovelly members completed their Senior First Aid Certificate at the club on Wed 29th & Thurs 30th May. Gaining 3 year accreditation were **Liz Jackson, Amanda Cocks, Mark Goodwin, Henri Lekeu, Greg Causer, Cianan Fitzgerald, Ian Eccles, Craig Wheatley, Jessica Wheatley & Geoff James**. Thanks to Chief Instructor **Tania Rouse** for organising it & to presenters **Gary & Maz** of First Aid Plus.
- There were 2 Clovelly members named **Michael O'Connor** at the Sports Lunch. The name **Michael O'Connor** won the major prize in the raffle. After tickets were checked, the shorter blonder one was the winner. The other **Mick** received a consolation 1/2 dozen bottles of red. The auctions were all competitive. \$1,000 was bid for a row for 4 in the surf boat with "**Boof**", followed by a recovery lunch for 4 at **Ravesi's**.
- Former Wallabies "**Butch**" **McDougall** and **Ross Turnbull**, as well as **Butch's** brother **Graham** were noted ex Rugby players enjoying the Sports Lunch.

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MALCOLM JOHNSTON
PHIL SWEENEY

Organising committee Jim King (Chair), Ken Ryan, Glen Clarke, Paul Smith, Geoff James.

WATSON'S BAY TO CLOVELLY RUN

Now in it's 6th year, this event again attracted a strong field on Sunday 3rd May. First home in a time of 54.06 was National 2km Sand Run medallist **Bernadette Chisholm**. First male was previous multiple winner **Justin James** in 56 minutes. **Justin** arrived late, missed the start and had to leave his car at Watto Bay-he enjoyed his lengthy warm-down run to retrieve it. Other finishers included **Debra Evans, Sean Whiteman, Brad Scanlon, Mick Feiner & Henri Lekeu**. Thanks to the **Clovelly Hotel** for the loan of the bus to transport runners to the start. Thanks to Club President **Glen Clarke** who drove the bus, and facilitated both the start & finish of this event.