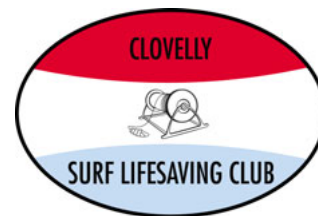


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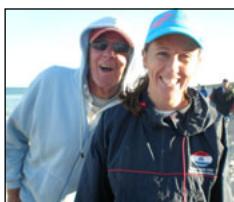
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**A HUMBLE REQUEST** : It is great that members treasure our club newsletter to the extent of souveniring the colour editions from noticeboards and club walls almost before the ink has dried, **BUT**, you could spare your club the colour printing expenses by downloading that colour edition you so desire, from the club website at [www.clovellysurfclub.com](http://www.clovellysurfclub.com). Yes, all 69 editions, current & past, of **Off the Square** are there for your edification. Black & white copies of the current edition continue to be available in the box on the table in the foyer of the hall near the drink machines.

### The Nationals at Scarborough W.A.

**John McNamee** put in his best ever Australian Championship race. Leading until the final metres, **John** went down by three hundredths of a second! Desperate to come back after **John's** victory over him at the NSW tiles, National title holder **Paul Hammond's** frantic lunge for the line took him to victory and a torn hamstring in the process. **John** is now chomping at the bit until they meet again at the World Championships in Germany in June. As pictured below, John also competed in the tube race. Congratulations on your National Silver Medal **John. Bernadette Chisholm** put in a great run for 5th place in the Open 2km Beach Run. The field was packed with past & current Iron Woman Champions and **Bernadette** was right up with all of them for most of the race. This race was in fact run on the hard sand which did not do any favours for a power and strength runner like **Bernadette**. Well done **Bernie**. The 160 years boat crew advanced through 3 rounds. In their 4th race they missed out on qualifying for the semi-finals by one place. The background story is however worth hearing. In a pre-race session on the Tuesday, **Robbie Rathbone** was caught in the ribs by his oar. Fortunately there was no break. Despite beach medical and then hospital advice, **Rob** pulled on his Clovelly cap on the Wednesday and allowed the crew to do us all proud in their 3 rows. **Rob** was full of pain killers but with no replacement available was not going to let down his team! That's spirit! Well done to the crew of **Rob, Boof, Adam Maroon, Eric Graham & Paul "Smiley" Hinds. John & Bernie, Jenny McNamee & Boaties** pictured below enjoying Perth's Mediterranean climate.



**Coogee-Bondi Ocean Swim** : Young Clovelly SLSC member **Tim Walsh**. lined up for this marathon ocean swim on Sunday 27th April. **Tim** was unsure how he would go, and uncertain whether he would make it or not. Congratulations **Tim**, on a time of 1 hour 50 minutes for over 5km of ocean swimming in a solid swell. **Tim** was the youngest competitor to complete the race. **Tim** will be swimming the Bondi to Watsons Bay on Mother's Day. That's **Tim** at the finish → **Bronze Squad** : With **Jim King & Alex Brun** as lead Trainers, our latest Bronze Squad qualified successfully in late April. Congratulations to **Anna Calligeros, Naomi Swalwell, Matt Ryan, Leanne Korte & Wayne Korn**. Thanks to **Derek Wong & Topper Thompson** for assistance in training this squad. We currently have an IRB Driver squad in training with **Andrew Hodge**.



**PRESENTATION NIGHT WILL BE SATURDAY 21ST JUNE AT EASTS LEAGUES.**

- further details and ticket sales arrangements to be announced.

**CLOVELLY SLSC 102nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY JULY 27TH UPSTAIRS AT THE CLUB**

- election of office bearers and presentation of 102nd Annual Report

## AROUND YOUR CLUB

- had a chat with **John Daly & Midori Adams** during their last patrol of this season on Sunday 6th April. This is John's 17th straight year of patrolling at Clovelly! It is Midori's 16th! **John** gained his Bronze & commenced patrols in 1992. In 1993, **John** and compatriot **George Daniels**, gained their Instructor's Certificates (as they were then known) by taking through a Bronze squad that contained **Midori**. **John's** tremendous service to the club including as a Patrol Captain and as Club Secretary saw him awarded a meritorious service award at the club Presentation Night last year. Both **John & Midori** have confided to OTS, that they intend "capping up" yet again in season 2008-09. Congratulations and thank you **John & Midori**.
- The Clovelly SLSC Sportsman's Lunch on 9th May at the **Clovelly Hotel** was a sellout by the end of March. Apologies to those who missed out. Make sure you get in early next year. Full report in next month's edition.



- Over 2 evenings at South Maroubra SLSC in early April, **Michael Goodwin, Mark Percy, Gerry McGillion & Geoff James** completed the new Silver Medallion Patrol Captain course. Now focusing on Basic Beach Management, the course was presented by **Peter Agnew** with assistance from **Mick "Gravy" Hodgson** (Branch Lifesaving Director) & **Mick Bretherton** (Branch Education Director). Holders of the Silver Medallion from the prior course will retain certification through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). **Geoff, Gerry, Michael & Mark** are pictured at left with **Mick Bretherton & Peter Agnew**.

- Did you know that the Randwick District SLS area from Clovelly to Botany Bay has had 17 coastal deaths in the past 5 years? This is the highest rate in Australia! These are largely tragedies off the rocks, with fishermen the main victims.
- **Paul Zaja** and **Andrew Russell** took off to Cornwall in England for a wedding in mid April. **Russ** was the best man and **Zaj** was aiming to drop in at **Clovelly**, just up the road a bit in **Devon**.
- At the **Clovelly Eskimos Winter Swimming Club** (the winter swimming division of Clovelly Surf Club) AGM on Sunday 4th May, **Nigel Chapman** was returned as President. Other office bearers include Vice-President **Dave Mead**, Captain **Ian Eccles**, Vice Captain **Cerin Campling**, Treasurer **Lyn Chapman**, Secretary **Jim King**, Handicappers **Margery Keeble & Erryn Twigg** & Catering Officers **Scott & Jeri D'Ornay**. Both Surf Club members and non members are welcome to join the Eskies. Just get down there and introduce yourself on any Sunday morning from now. Swims commence 11am sharp with any registrations after 10.45am earning a hefty fine upstairs in the bar after. There is also an under 18 division that swims from 10.45am. Bring your kids!
- Congratulations to these members on their new arrivals. To **Richard & Michele Lentfer** on the 5th April arrival of **Harry**, their first born. To **Matt Ryan & Shona** on the birth of **Thomas** also in April. **Matt** is a member of our latest 2008 Bronze Medallion squad. Both **Richard & Matt** owe some part of their virility to their workouts with the Giles at Clovelly group. **Ken Stone and Peter Schumack** presented both proud Dads with baby baskets on behalf of all their afternoon training mates.
- Congratulations to **Marty Oh** (Patrol 3) on his marriage to **Michelle Horton** on 5th April. The ceremony was at the Church of St Lawrence in the city followed by the reception at Clovelly SLSC. They honeymooned in Cairns.
- More congratulations. This time to **Owen Hamilton**. **Owen** obtained his Bronze with Clovelly SLSC last year & is a patrolling member. He is also a science whiz kid at Cranbrook School and has been selected with 6 others to represent Australian Youth Science at a conference at the All Russia Youth Aerospace Society in Moscow later this year. **Owen** is contemplating a career in technology and aeronautical engineering.
- The Annual **Watson Bay to Clovelly** run drew a record field of over 30 competitors on Sunday 4th March. **Justin James** retained his title in 51:57 from **Pat Harmer** & then **Ken Stone & Steve de Francesco** aeq. 3rd. First lady was **Jo Cooper** in 1:01.11. Oldest finisher was **Luciano Lombardi** in 1:43.15. Again, well organized **John McNamee**. Thankyou to the **Clovelly Hotel** for the loan of the bus to transport competitors and to **Gary Cooper** for taking on the bus driver role.
- The Gordon's Bay to Clovelly Swim/Board Race on 20th April was again shifted to within Clovelly Bay due to dangerous surf conditions outside. Competition Director **John McNamee** attracted a strong field of over 20 competitors including himself. The race consisted of a board paddle around the IRB buoy, full lap run of the beach, swim around the IRB buoy and finish with another full lap of the beach. From the start the lead was a battle between **Kurt Shields & Bernadette Chisholm**. **Kurt** just led on the 1st board leg and maintained this in the first run. **Bernie** took the lead in the swim only to be overtaken by **Kurt** in the run out of the water (pictured at right below). **Bernie** then powered around the final beach run leg to take out overall victory with a tiring **Kurt** in second place.



**THE SAUNA COST WILL BE INCREASING TO \$2.** This will still not cover the running costs of the sauna. Further energy audits will be conducted around the club as financial pressures increase. Apologies for any inconvenience.