

SAWTELL SLSC

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thanks to all our patrolling members for a successful start to the season and great patrol turnouts so far and especially to all 105 patrolling members who gave up two hours of their time on Christmas day to look after the beach.

Thanks also to Steve Kelly and Dennis Meagher for their work in completing all our proficiencies.

Good luck to all those competing at the Country Championships at South West Rocks.

Finally on behalf of the Club I wish all members and their families a happy, healthy and safe 2010.

NEW AWARD MEMBERS

As mentioned in the last newsletter there were four members of the last training squad who were unfortunately unable to sit the re-scheduled assessment. They have now done that assessment and congratulations go to Thomas Holmes and Keely Ward (Bronze Medallion) and Tara Holmes and Sarah Johnson (Surf Rescue Certificate)

COMPETITION REPORT

It appears as though Sawtell will have their best representation at the Country Titles being held South west Rocks on 15-17 January for a long time with up to 40 Senior competitors along with our Juniors.

Especially pleasing is the return to competition of a boat crew and march past team. Special mention must go to a new member Kris Kent who ensured he had sufficient patrol hours by doing 3 voluntary patrols at his old Club Pambula over the Christmas period. For members information SLSA policy requires members to complete a minimum of 25 hours patrol (or pro-rata if they join during a season) before they can compete in carnivals

The Club wishes all competitors the very best over that weekend and trusts that all those requiring a patrol swap have made suitable arrangements as we still have responsibility for our own beach.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Terry de Carle- Sawtellian of the Year for 2009 - congratulations.
A worthy winner indeed.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

Members may recall that as a fundraiser the Club has agreed to be responsible for Waste Management at the Trial Rugby League Game between South Sydney and Gold Coast on Saturday 20th February 2010

Although a fair way off we need to know now if the Club can provide the necessary workers (yes it works out as roughly \$6.25 per hour per person) but it does raise our profile.

Why seek your support now?

That same weekend are the NSW State Age Championships (at which members will be participating) AND that afternoon the Club as a community service provides water safety at the Jetty Foreshores for the Girl Guides Thinking Day Celebrations from noon to 2.30pm.

Please let the Club know if you will be prepared to assist. You will be asked again (and again).

As yet we have no co-ordinator for these two roles. If anyone is prepared to undertake either role it helps take pressure off the regulars.

VOLUNTEER GRANTS PROGRAM

The Club has been successful in acquiring funding under the Volunteer Grants Program.

Items included in our Submission included lockers and a bar fridge that will be placed in the auditorium. The acquisition of this unit means that the cool room downstairs can be removed thereby reducing the risk of accidents with items being carried up and down the stairs.

Many thanks to Yvonne Briggs for preparing the submission.

BOWLS NIGHT

Sawtell Bowling Club is sponsoring a Bowls Night with proceeds going to our Surf Club.

The Club seeks maximum participation.

SURF CLUB BOWLS **NIGHT**

MONDAY 1st. FEB. COST \$6

5.30.START

ALL WELCOME
BOWLERS and NON BOWLERS

ROLL UP and BOWL A BOWL

LOTS of FUN
FOOD DRINKS RAFFLES

**DRESS CASUAL with FLAT SOLE SHOES,
THONGS OR SOCKS
[NO HEELS OR TREADS]**

THANK YOU

Sawtell SLSC ran the BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 20th December netting the Club \$857 and at the same time lifting our profile out there in the community

Many thanks to Bruce Coomber for the organisation and overseeing from 8am – 5pm and his rostered slaves Peter Hirth, Dennis Meagher, John Mola, Lorraine Booth, Bruce Macphail, Lynn Peel, Frank Watkin, David Jones and Deb Wall.

SUNDAY HANDICAP SWIM

The Sunday morning handicap swim is on every Sunday with the exception of Carnival Dates starting at 8.15am.

Cheryl Lane would like to see more starters.

Why not be there this Sunday???

VALE

The Club has recently lost two great supporters.

John Blenkin -Whilst many will fondly remember John from his numerous activities around Sawtell such as his role as the Sawtell chemist (28 years), his membership of the local fire brigade, the Surf Club and Legacy (amongst others) or as a fitness fanatic those newer to the Club will recall his friendly face doing chores around the Cafe. However not many will be aware of his work as North Coast Branch Recorder (now known as Registrar) over a period of 11 years commencing in the mid 50s.

Fred Griffiths - Born in Sawtell Fred obtained his Bronze Medallion with Sawtell SLSC in 1950 and remained a member until early 1953 when he left Sawtell to study and work. Upon retirement Fred returned to his family home in 18th Avenue where he rejoined the Sawtell surf club. Fred and his family became active within our club and brought much laughter and character into our club. Many "mature age parent members" of now adult children will remember the warmth, friendship and contribution this man and his family gave to our club and the broader Sawtell community.

Both John and Fred had served their country, John in the Navy and Fred in both the Australian Army Corp and RAAF reserve.

Their friendly faces will be missed.