

LAKES ENTRANCE - State Junior & Senior Championships (apologies for the lateness was waiting some further information)

The weekend was blessed with beautiful sunshine for both days - late Sunday a storm came through.

In the water we had some friendly seals who wanted to know what was going on.

Firstly our water safety crew Officials Glenn Cain, Paul Etccl and Stuart Molloy spent three very long days on the water setting up the arenas and keeping all competitors safe and sound. A big thank you all for volunteering your time. Well done.

In the march past arena we had Stuart Molloy marching with the Australian Flag and Paul Etccl proudly displaying our club flag. I judged the junior march past which was won by Mentone 2nd. Williamstown 3rd. Mt. Martha. It is envisaged that next year Chelsea Longbeach will also be back in the march past arena with a team. Discussions are under way to maybe run training once a month during winter inside the clubhouse for time, step and arm swing and then put it together on the beach in summer.

In relation to the under 12 and under 14 R & R teams we have a couple of successful coaches lined up to train teams for this event this will also probably now be done over winter as we have run out of time. Stay tuned for further details.

Back to the results - Cameron Bladen under 10 made the surf race final, and just missed the iron and board race finals as they only took three from each heat through to the final with no semi finals held so it was the luck of the draw some heats were stronger than others. On the beach Cameron got through 2 rounds of the sprint and was in the top 30 in the flags. Karen advised although it was a very long day Saturday on the beach a very enjoyable weekend was had.

Lachlan Erwin - Under 12 unfortunately I do not have any of Lachlans results.

Dual members Annabelle Clancy (who was profiled in the program), Bridget Clancy, Molly Lean, Stephanie Kelly and Abbey Stooke all had successful performances over the course of the weekend in individual and team events. For a full list of results go to the Lifesaving Victoria Website - click on sport - then results of whichever carnival. The juniors do not list all events.

On the front page is a fabulous photo of former member Samantha Cain - who is a great role model for all of you. Sam has been a dedicated lifesaver since an early age and has set herself goals along the way one of which is to make an Australian Team. Sam is a committed and determined athlete and won the Open Womens Iron (unbeaten all season) surf race, belt race, board race, surf swim and was a member of Ocean Grove's womens taplin relay, board relay, ski relay and womens surf teams which was a huge program for a weekend of competition. Sam wins a Dolphin board for winning the iron.

I take this opportunity to wish all those going to Aussies (National Championships) in Kurrawa. Goodluck.

YESTERDAY - THE NIPPERS TEAM CHALLENGE - another glorious day in which the nippers all joined in a team - Team Fitzgerald, Team Kelly & Team Murray. The competition was close you will know how close at presentation night.

NEXT SATURDAY - THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - 26TH. March, 2011 commencing sharp at 1-00pm so be there by 12-30pm.

Attached hereto is the flyer for the Kingston Beaches Carnival to be held at Chelsea Longbeach on the 3rd. April, 2011.

POOL CARNIVALS - ONCE THE BEACH FINISHES THERE ARE 3 NIPPERPOOL CARNIVALS - programs will be forwarded when received.

At the King Club Sandringham: Sunday 1st. May, 2011 at 2-30pm and Sunday 15th. May.2011 at 2-30pm.

So that I can enter you. I need your name and your date of birth. my contact details are saintlyjudy@hotmail.com or sms mobile 0414 482 268.

Thanks Judy Silom Competition Manager. (I was the womens area recorder at Lakes Entrance and I can tell you it was a long weekend but most things ran very smoothly for such a large competition. There were 1348 nippers entered I am not sure of senior numbers)

Cheers till next time - keep training and having fun thats what its all about enjoying yourself.