



December 2011

Hi everyone,

It's that time of year again, juggling the final week of school activities, work Xmas functions, getting ready for holidays, xmas shopping, and most importantly, surf club training and patrols. We have had some pleasant weather so hopefully that's a sign of the summer ahead, it would be nice though if that easterly wind would subside and give us a nice clean surf. We had the first junior carnival at Waikuku on the 4th Dec and the first senior general carnival for the season at our club last Sunday. It was great to see good numbers of our juniors and seniors competing at both these events, just a shame the surf was so chopped up along with that infamous drift.

The Club Committee are working well coordinating club activities and raising funds. Feel free to contact us if you have any ideas or feedback. We will have our new club website live very soon, it is sitting there ready to go just waiting for SLSNZ to do a final few wee touches so watch this space. We will be endeavoring to use the website to keep you more up to date and informed so any feedback on how you would like club information received would be appreciated.

We had a great club social last Saturday evening, thanks to Sam Baker and Courtney Jones for organizing this. They managed to raise some funds for the surf boat too which is awesome!!

Have a great Xmas, and see you all at the beach.

Grant Edwards

President

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Well the season is well under way with every patrol having done their first patrol of the season. The weather has been amazing now all we need is for the water to heat up a little.

Refreshers:

This year we have been doing Refreshers on patrol, if you haven't been refreshed yet don't panic as we will have you signed off by Christmas. Patrol Captains please make sure your team goes for a Run-Swim-Run, this is a part of the refresher process plus a good team building exercise.

Patrol Teams Competition:

We are on the lookout for people who will be interested in doing the Patrol Teams Competition on Saturday 21st January. The competition consists of a Run-Swim-Run, IRB Race, Board Rescue, Theory Test, Life Saving Scenarios and First Aid Scenarios.

Please contact Jess ASAP if you would like to be part of the club Patrol Comp team.

We will also be organizing our own club inter-patrol competition soon - more info to follow.

Rookies:

We have a new Rookie Coordinator - Courtney Jones. All the rookies should now have received their manuals and been assigned a mentor on patrol. If you have any questions or are unsure about anything please let either Courtney or me know. We should hopefully receive some more Rookie uniforms soon for you. There are still some Rookie uniforms not returned from last year, so could last year's Rookies please check at home and return them promptly to Courtney.

Courtney Jones ph 021 448164

Christmas Day Patrol:

We are looking at putting on an informal Christmas Day patrol this year if there enough willing patrollers. Often Spencer Park is very busy on Christmas Day with people coming down to the beach to play on all their new toys etc and fingers crossed for that lovely summer weather we have had the last few years. So we are calling for three people to express interest in doing a patrol on Christmas Day, the hours will be 1-4pm, please let me know if you are interested in helping out.

Patrols:

Just a reminder that Patrol on Saturday's start at 1pm - 5pm and Sunday's patrol is 10am - 5pm. If you can't make your patrol please find a replacement and let your patrol captain know.

Awards:

Well done to everyone who has gained awards over the last couple of months.

Surf Lifeguard Award

Sam Newbold
Courtney Jones
Keith Chilton
Lauren Proud

IRB Crewman's

Devon Edwards
Kelly Eade
Jayden Andrews

Radio Operators

Devon Edwards
Kelly Eade
Jayden Andrews
Courtney Jones
Courtney Low
Leah Temesvari
Jordan Balk
Caleb Te Kahu
Kurt Moore

A number of people have also done First Aid Level 1 & 2, well done to everyone and keep the good work up.

New Lifeguards:

If you know of anyone who is interested in gaining their lifeguard award this season please let either Sam or myself know. Our lifeguard instructor Sam Baker goes through the lifeguard training on Sunday's at 10am, contact Sam for training details.

Sam Baker 027 4478701

Lifeguard Uniforms:

If you need a new lifeguard top or shorts please let me know and I can order one for you.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jess Mather, Club Captain

SURF SPORTS

The season has kicked off with our trip to the beautiful beach of Rarangi in Whites Bay, Blenheim in November. This camping trip is always a great opportunity for the whole club (juniors and seniors) to get to know each other and compete as a club. 25 athletes took on other Canterbury clubs as well as Kotoku from Greymouth and the host club Rarangi. Rarangi is a great way to introduce yourself to surf sport competition as it's informal and it's all about participation and fun. We always have the best time especially sitting around a gas campfire at night talking up a storm. Set aside Show weekend in 2012 to join us in Rarangi.



The team at Rarangi

Pre season races have come and gone with our seniors and some of our Under 14's competing in craft races at Pegasus and Waikuku and the ocean swim series out at Corsair Bay. Again Spencer Park is well represented at these comps. These comps and the comps before Christmas are part of the selection trials to represent Canterbury for their respective age groups. Good luck guys.

[Junior Carnival - Waikuku Beach](#)

Even with big seas, Spencer Park juniors did an awesome job representing the club at Waikuku Beach on Sunday. We had a number of placings and lots of team spirit. Awesome job. Thank you also to some of our seniors and parents who helped out on the day. I will send out the results as soon as they become available.

[Training / Competitions timetable](#)

Each week you should be receiving an email with the club weekly timetable. This time table will give you all the information you need to know regarding any training or competitions that are on for the week. Please let me know if you are not getting this email.

Competitions coming up - All of our Athletes love it when we have lots of Spencer Park voices yelling from the beach so please feel free to come to any of the competitions.

- K Day - Sunday 18th December 9am at Taylors Mistake (we have three teams in this event and supporters are very welcome)

National events

U14 Ocean Athletes: February 23rd - 26th, Mt Maunganui

We are currently making arrangements for a team to travel to Mt Maunganui, if your child has the required ability and would like to attend this event, you need to contact your junior coach or Jo Eade to discuss suitability. Flights are already being booked now so early planning may mean cheaper travel.

State NZ Surf Life Saving Championships: 15th - 18th March, Gisborne

Travel arrangements are well under way also for this event. If you are wanting to attend, contact the senior surf coach, Dave Smith.

BP Surf Rescue NZ Champs: 30th March - 1st April, Warrington

The IRB teams are gaining momentum, if you are wanting to compete at Nationals, contact Jess Mather.



Fundraisers

Spencer Park takes part in two major fundraisers each season, Christmas in the Park and Jandal Day. As always we have a fantastic amount of support for these fundraisers from club members. Thank you so much to all of the following members who helped out:

Xmas in the Park

Megan Ferriss, Kate Ferriss, Gina Ferriss, Martin Ferriss, Lynette Ferriss, Kelly Eade, Meghan Baker, Michaela Baker, Abbey Brown, Jordan Balk, Tara Balk, Courtney Low, Leah Temesvari, Janelle Saunders, Tayla Beck, Jo Eade, Britney Chilton, Keith Chilton, Nicky Dunn, Briana Dunn, Michael Trembath, Malcolm MacDonald, Caleb TeKahu, Nikki Shaw, Kaiden Shaw, Mitchell Shaw, Georgia Dickson

Jandal Day

Megan Ferriss, Kate Ferriss, Gina Ferriss, Kelly Eade, Meghan Baker, Ryan O'Rourke, Michael Trembath, Michaela Baker, Jordan Balk, Tara Balk, Courtney Low, Leah Temesvari, Janelle Saunders, Jo Eade, Nikki Dunn, Briana Dunn, Malcolm McDonald, Linda Poulsen, Britney Poulsen, Troy Reed, Tiana Placid, Jayden Andrews, Michaela Morrison, Sam Morrison, Zoe Baker, Mike Wilson, Matt Harris, Sam Newbold, Richard Newbold, Janene Edwards, Devon Edwards, Ashton Edwards, Grant Edwards, Brody Edwards, Lauren Proud, Dawn Proud, Caleb TeKahu

Showers

The showers in the change rooms are now useable. Please, please be mindful of your fellow club-mates and keep your shower time to a minimum so there is hot water for all to enjoy.

Also, to reduce the amount of sand in the showers and change areas, could you please rinse sand off you first outside using either a hose or the outside shower, thanks.

Enjoy!!

Uniforms

If you require club uniform, contact Janene Edwards ph 3298102 or 027 2066038

Gear sheds

As you are well aware, we have pretty much reached our capacity for gear storage within the club. We will have to manage this wisely until such time we have a new clubhouse with heaps of dedicated storage bays. In the mean time, we ask that we all keep gear stored in its correct place / rack, place all rubbish in the bins and refrain from leaving paddles, board bags etc on the floor for people to trip over.

Club Profile



Name: Steve Mather

Age: 54

Nickname: Super Steve

When did you first join the club? December 1999

Positions within the club: Treasurer & Power Craft Officer

Sport(s) within the club: IRB's

Favourite Athlete(s): Shane Watts - Enduro Racer and Dave Bishop - Rugby Referee

Favourite Quote: I don't have a life, only missions!

Favourite Holiday Destination: Kaiteriteri

Favourite Movie: Pulp Fiction

Favourite TV Show: Rescue Me & Californication

If you could have any 3 people in the world around for dinner, who would they be? Rachael Hunter, David Gilmore & Tim Curry

My Signature Dish Is: A Tin of Tuna