

The Bondi Surfer - 21 April, 2010

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Upcoming events

Last Bottles and Ocean Swim Celebrations – Monday 26th April from 2-7pm Ocean Swim After Party Celebrations, Live band entertainment and lots of great spot prizes. Join in the festivities from 2pm – 7.00 pm in the Scenic Lounge. Be there, don't miss out celebrating the end of season with your club mates and friends.

Surf Race - 11am this Sunday! **LAST SURF RACE FOR THE SEASON**

Bondi Ocean Swim! - We need as much help as possible on Monday for the ocean swim. Come down at 7am to help us for what is shaping to be a successful race.

Monday 26 April 2010 (ANZAC Day Holiday) —1km swim starts 10.00am; 2.4km swim starts 11.00am
Bondi Surf Bathers' Life Saving Club, Queen Elizabeth Drive (centre of Bondi Beach)

ENTRIES: Online by midnight 24 April 2010 via oceanswims.com Entries sent by mail are to be received at BSBLSC no later than c.o.b. 21 April 2010 Late entries on the day [Fees: \$30 per swim (late entry \$40); \$50 for both swims (late entry \$70)] A percentage of online entry fees will be donated to CanToo (<http://www.cantoo.org.au/>) Further information: see the Bondi Blue Water Challenge website at <http://www.bondibluewater.com> or contact the BSBLSC Office t: 9300 9279 April

End of Season Combined party - Norths, Tama, Bondi and Bronte celebrating together! May 22nd at the Beach rd hotel, see attached poster for more info!

Lifesaving - lifesaving@bondisurfclub.com

Junior coaching is on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 4.30 pm and Sundays at 8 am with Matt

Winter training will be advertised as soon as a program has been drawn up. We will be training with the guys who will be doing the Coolangatta Gold as we are looking to put together some relay teams. Teams comprise of a runner, swimmer, board and ski paddler. If you are interested in participating contact Grant Veckranges

Competition - surfsports@bondisurfclub.com

Competition boards and skis

All boards and skis are allocated to competitors with some being owned individually by members. **DO NOT** take a racing board or surf ski out unless you have been allocated one to use by either the board captain Ben Sutherland or Ski Captain Greg Byrnes

Education – education@bondisurfclub.com

Higher Award Courses

For those wanting to do higher awards, please see the SLSA Sydney listing of awards.

<http://www.surflifesavingsydney.com.au/Lifesaving-and-Education/Training-Courses/>

To register please email your contact details together with the course description to admin@bondisurfclub.com

General Club News

Social

Celebrate the End Season with your mates from Bondi, North Bondi and Tamarama

at the Combined End of Season Party
 Beach Road Hotel, Beach Road, Bondi, 1st Floor Bar
 Saturday 22 May 2010
 @ 7.00 pm
 DJ music and finger food available

Member news!

We have some great news on the recovery of our patron Les Hawkins, below are four photos of him swimming the full 50m unaided. Well done Les!

Click on the photos for a larger view.



Patrol Subs

SUBS NEEDED FOR PATROLS 09-10

Patrol Name	Date	Day	Time	Sub For	Subs Name	Phone Number
Bassingthwaite	17 April 10	Saturday	8.45am – 1.00pm	Louise Santos	Jean Paul Buhagiar	
Bassingthwaite	17 April 10	Saturday	8.45am – 1.00pm	Tom Glasson		0420 923 366
Bassingthwaite	17 April 10	Saturday	8.45am – 1.00pm	Rabecca Weeks		
Douglas	18 April 10	Sunday	12.45pm – 4.30pm	Scott Hamilton	Roland Knobloch	0400 461 336
Fullwood	24 April 10	Saturday	12.45pm – 4.30pm	John Meynhart		
Fullwood	24 April 10	Saturday	12.45pm – 4.30pm	Alex Meynhart		
Hutchings	25-Apr-10	Sunday	8.30am – 1.15pm	Graeme Cooper	Shaun Brook	0409 963 400
Hutchings	25-Apr-10	Sunday	8.30am – 1.15pm	John Tuohy	Sally Harding	0422 294 358
Meagher	26-Apr-10	Monday	8.30am – 1.15pm	Julia Szonyi		0415 438 403
Meagher	26-Apr-10	Monday	8.30am – 1.15pm	Steve Marzabow		0400 844 400

Surf Race results 18/04/2010

A Grade

1st – Michael Hallam – 1.30

2nd – Keiran Speed – 1.20

3rd – Jon Slack-Smith – 1.20

Number of starters = 20

B Grade

1st – Bruce Wynne – 2.25

2nd – David Miller – 2.00

3rd – Paul Pickering – 1.45

Number of starters = 16

C Grade

1st –

Number of starters = 0

S Grade

Raewyn Tippett, Larry Engdahl, Beverley Pickering, Doug Johnson

Surfites,

Our second last race for the season was conducted in perfect conditions, with some excellent racing. It's amazing what a week does. Paul finished top of B Grade last week & this week he was back making sure everyone finished. Club backmarker Tom Miller held no chance of getting a place & unlike his competitive Dad, he said he would just have a fun swim, so I sent him off at 2m20s & he leisurely walked up the beach just behind the winner. So much for fun swimming.

A Grade saw the battle of the generations with youngster Michael, just tipping out our all time most successful Sunday morning competitor & perennial youngster; Mr. Bondi Keiran Speed. Jon was not so far behind in third.

B Grade saw a good win to Bruce with Dave finishing strongly behind him, with Paul Pickering finishing off his season with a third. He & Bev are off to the US to visit family.

Next week is the close of the season & it will be a fun swim; again with double points. We usually have a get together at such time over lunch, however, as it is ANZAC Day, I will put it back to another Sunday, so please let me know when you think we should hold it.

A final call for the Ocean Race this Monday. Unfortunately I will not be swimming for a while, however, I will be assisting Keiran at the starting line. If you are not racing or have not put your hand up to assist, PLEASE do so, and contact Margaret Miller . We need as many Lifesavers as possible to do the water safety.

Cheers

Doc.

The Beach Road Bondi Blue Water Challenge – new for 2010

Elite swimmers to descend on Bondi

Many of Australia's elite swimmers are expected to descend on Bondi Beach next Monday for the inaugural Bondi Blue Water Challenge ocean swim, which will be staged on the Anzac Day public holiday. Hosted by Bondi Surf Bathers Life Saving Club (SBLSC) and sponsored by The Beach Road Hotel, the event will be the 14th and final swim of the 2009-10 Hahn Super Series organised by oceanswims.com The swimmers include Paul Lemmon, Lochie Hinds, Brad Horrey and Michael Fenn, who have been the most consistently placed male swimmers in this season's 13 lead-up races, while Luane Rowe, Jacqui Robinson, Anel Stewart and Dori Miller are in contention to take out overall the women's series. A number of prominent stillwater swimmers, including Olympic Games representatives, have expressed interest in the Bondi swims and they could be among the expected rush of last-minute entries. The highest profile swimmer entered to date is Federal parliamentary Opposition leader Tony Abbott. Mr Abbott, 53, and a member of Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club on Sydney's Northern Beaches, last month competed in the Ironman Australian Triathlon at Port Macquarie, which consisted of a 3.8km swim, 180km bike ride and 42km run , finishing it in a little under 14 hours. He has since peddled from Melbourne to Sydney in a nine-day bike ride for charity, which covered almost 1100 km before it finished last Thursday. Swimmers have the option of entering either the one-kilometre swim, the 2.4km swim over a triangular course or both events in Bondi Bay. The one-kilometre swim will start at 10 am and the 2.4km swim at 11 am from the centre of Bondi Beach and opposite Bondi SBLSC. Entry fees are \$30 per swim (late entry \$40) and \$50 for both swims (late entry \$70). Swimmers can enter online up until midnight on Saturday, April 24 at oceanswims.com, by mail with Bondi SBLSC, PO Box 7007, Bondi Beach 2026 up to the close of business on Wednesday, April 21 or late entries will be accepted on the day. For more information, log on to the website www.bondibluewater.com or call the Bondi SBLSC office on 9300 9279.

THE ORGANISERS OF THIS MAJOR CLUB EVENT ARE CALLING FOR HELPERS TO ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING: –

- **SWIMMER REGISTRATION (14)**
- **LATE REGISTRATION (2-3)**
- **BEACH SET UP/CLEARANCE (10)**
- **SWIMMER MANAGEMENT (10)**
 - Preparation and serving of refreshments to competitors
 - Collection of ankle tags
 - Directing and assisting competitors
- **WATER DIRECTION (ski paddlers directing swimmers around the course) (10)**

- **BBQ (see Alan Scott and Early morning swimmers)**
- **POST EVENT ACTIVITIES (4)**
- **WATER SAFETY (Board paddlers welcome) (12)**

All helpers will be given free food and vouchers to drinks at the bar. Spot prizes will include entrants from the helper brigade. Most of the work will only require your commitment for 2- 4 hours.

The organisers need to get helper numbers now so that we can plan the day – Only 2 Weeks to GO!! Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please email arnside_m@yahoo.com.au

The oldest club and youngest swim (Spread the word)

On Monday 26 April from 10am, join the oldest surf lifesaving club in Australia for the youngest ocean swim challenge on the circuit – the Beach Road Bondi Blue Water Challenge.

On the final day of the Anzac long weekend, we're offering a 1km race solely for beginners and a 2.4km challenge for the hardened competitor. Both races will start and finish in the middle of the iconic Bondi Beach.

With ample water safety, a well-marked course, and a whole host of random spot prizes, everyone's in with a chance of bringing home something to show for their efforts.

We invite all participants, old and young, big and small, to attend this latest swim leading up to the finale of the ocean swimming season and experience the euphoria of a great swim through this magnificent stretch of ocean.

Pit your wits

The swim will see the leaders of the Hahn Superdry Ocean Swimming Series busy battling it out for bragging rights in the final swim. Whilst not all competitors will be able to count themselves in the elite there is plenty of opportunity to pit your skills against your equals in the common man/woman brigade and you may even win the "Mr Average" or "Ms Average" prize to boot.

Enjoy the last of the warm water

As you know, the water temperature generally lags behind the air temperature by around a month. So not only is this the swim that rounds off the season in NSW – it's also likely to be your last chance to enjoy a temperate race in the ocean.

A straightforward course

The 1km course is straight out, round a buoy and back again. The 2.4km is a triangular course, taking you out to the south headland, across to the north headland, then back to the middle of the beach.

The straightforward navigation means both swims are excellent courses to test your fitness as opposed to your eyesight. That doesn't mean you don't need to train for this swim or watch where you're going – there's no accounting for conditions so make sure you're fit before getting in the water.

Enjoy a well-earned rest

You're invited to relax with us after your swim and enjoy the spectacular views from the scenic lounge of our recently refurbished surf club. The bar will be open while you wax lyrical about the huge wave you caught on the way back in, or the dozy swimmers you caught sprinting up the beach. Remember that a good story beats the truth every time.

If you've got the energy, you're welcome to make a day of it, as we invite you to join us in live music and a DJ later on in the day.

A good cause

With all profits from the event going toward the fight against cancer (Can Too) and to the work of Bondi SBLSC, there are more reasons than normal to enjoy our famous club's swim at our iconic beach.

So why not invite your friends and family to share the experience of an iconic swim, while contributing to a worthy couple of causes.

Enter now

You can enter at www.oceanswims.com or via www.bondibluewater.com where there is more information on the event. You can also enter on the day, but we reckon you should save a few bucks by entering in advance.

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