

4 May 2011



# THE BONDI SURFER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



22 May 2011

As you may be aware The Beach Road Bondi Blue Water Challenge is being hosted by the Surf Club and has been **postponed until Sunday May 22nd**. We are now calling for volunteers to assist on the day. The roles we are looking for the volunteers to undertake are as follows; Water Safety, First Aid, Starting and Finishing Marshals, Late Entries

Desk, Beach Setup and Pack up, Start time for most of these activities will be 7:30am.  
First race starts at 10am being the 1km swim with the 2.1km swim starting at 11am.

If you are able to assist please contact either the office or Mike Horton ([hortnm@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hortnm@bigpond.net.au))  
Also as a general notice, on the day the parking at the front of the club will be roped off and reserved for VIP's and Sponsors.

Click on link: [BEACH ROAD BONDI BLUE WATER CHALLENGE](#)

## Return to Glamour 21 May 2011

**COMPETITION** - [surfsports@bondisurfclub.com](mailto:surfsports@bondisurfclub.com)

### Bondi IRB Team

If you want to keep up to date with whats happening in the IRB section of the club, why not join our facebook group "Bondi I.R.B." to see competition results, photos, training updates and general chitchat. This group is open to all members of the club, even if you aren't a driver or crew, we love to keep you in the know with what we are up to. Also if you are interested in IRB competition, BONDIS IRB COMPETITION NEEDS YOU! We are looking for club members to come along and help and support us at our next carnival in 2 weeks. Please contact Claire on [claireemilycook@gmail.com](mailto:claireemilycook@gmail.com) for details.

### IRB PREMIERSHIP ROUND 1 - COLLOROY SLSC 30/04/11 ROUND-UP

The last Saturday of April saw Bondi's IRB competition team take to the sandy shores of Collaroy at 5:30am to test their skills against 20 other clubs throughout NSW for glory and points for the Premiership titles. This year saw a boost in competitors from last years Premiership with over 300 surf lifesavers racing in the first round. With the venue shifted due to dangerous surf conditions from its initial location of North Narrabeen to the more sheltered Collaroy, our team knew they were in for a challenging day. Throughout the day 3 metre swells rolled in through the race lanes and a nasty shore-break proved the Achilles' heel for many teams with over 15 roll-overs during competition, and many more boats that almost ended up that way. Skilfully, none of these roll-overs were notched up by Bondi.

This year Bondi had a relatively new team with 5 new competitors donning the navy blue and white, new women's team driver and crew Claire Cook, and Jill Boyle, new crew Mike Gencher, and new patients Emily Smith and Jay Moore as well as our brand new Team Manager Jon Slack-Smith. Providing wisdom and experience were seasoned team members Mark Travers, Graeme Wong, Jamie Travers, and Ben Williams.

Bondi's new women's team had mixed results throughout the day, making the semi-final for the Tube Race, in which they came 5<sup>th</sup> – narrowly missing out on qualifying for the final by one place. Equally close was the women's Rescue event with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Unfortunately, the women's team was disqualified for the Mass Rescue for failing to kill the motor on the finish line, but was able to gain experience in an event that had never had a chance to train in.

Bondi was able to field two Open Male teams, drivers Jamie Travers and Graeme Wong, and crews Ben Williams and Mike Gencher, with both teams earning excellent results. Jamie and Ben narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Male Rescue final, the most contested event of the Premiership, in a controversial judging decision, but the boys took it in their stride and look forward to challenging again in two weeks.

Over 35's competitors Mark, Graeme and Mike, pulled out all stops also over the course of the day, easily qualifying for the 35+ Teams final. Unfortunately, a difficult lane with challenging waves prevented them from securing a top finishing place, however their final's points will contribute to Bondi's overall Premiership score.

The most successful result of the day goes to novice driver Ben Williams, who competed in the Novice Mass event and gained a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Well-done Ben for this fantastic result. While this event unfortunately does not contribute to the Premiership points tally, it does add to Bondi's growing competitive reputation within the sport.

Special mentions must be made to 3 members of our team. Team patients Emily Smith and Jaye Moore put in the most impressive effort of all for the day, "patienting" for over 35 races between them. Both have put in an outstanding effort over a very long day. The teams appreciate your time, willingness to be yanked from the water and energy to be on the go all day long.

Additionally, the team would be nowhere without our new Team Manager. Jon faced a difficult day with changes in the event ordering and running times all day long. He handled these challenges in his stride and kept the team where they needed to be, when they needed to be there. Without his continued organisation, we'd probably be sitting on the sand lost. The team hopes the difficulties you faced at this event don't scare you off for next time!

And, finally a thank you for the supporters who came out in the unpredictable weather away from their own homes to cheer on the team, and keep our spirits up throughout the day! We hope to see you at our next carnival at Towradgi in 2 weeks time!

Bondi IRB Competition Team

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**EDUCATION** - [education@bondisurfclub.com](mailto:education@bondisurfclub.com)

#### **Higher Awards**

Silver Beach Management is being held at Bondi on the 20th and 22nd June from 6.30pm, register asap with award and your name in the subject line to confirm a spot: [admin@bondisurfclub.com](mailto:admin@bondisurfclub.com)  
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**Education Blog Blog:** <http://bondisurflifesavingeducation.blogspot.com/>

## GENERAL CLUB NEWS

### ASHES SCATTERING CEREMONY – LATE DR. CLIF RYAN.

SUNDAY 15th MAY 2011

Club members are invited to join the family and friends of the **late Doctor Clifton (Clif) Ryan** at a ceremony for the scattering of his ashes on the waters of Bondi Beach commencing at the Clubhouse at **11.30am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011**. Clif was a Past President and Hon Life Member of our Club. He passed away late last year.

Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served in the Scenic Lounge.

Andrew Winters,  
Club President.

#### **THE BALL IS BACK! With the theme "Return to Glamour"**

The Bondi SBLSC Ball will be on Saturday May 21st starting at 7pm. Venue will be at The Ivy on 320 George St. Tickets are selling fast so contact the office today. All booked tables must be paid for this week please

Tickets are \$120 though if you pay for a table of ten the cost per ticket will be \$110. Under 18s are allowed with 16 being the minimum age, tickets are \$80 for anyone that is Under 18 at the time of the ball (not the time of purchase). Your ticket covers food and alcohol till midnight. Partners and friends are welcome so invite them along. There will be music to dance to and speeches will be kept to an absolute minimum!

You can purchase from the office at the surf club by going down there or on 9300 9279. It will be a formal dress code so dress up (no, that doesn't mean you just iron your jeans!) and get your tickets before it sells out!  
Contact Jacob Waks on [deputyresident@bondisurfclub.com](mailto:deputyresident@bondisurfclub.com) if you have any questions.

#### **OFFICE :**

Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm and Sunday 9am to 12 am

## NIPPER NEWS

#### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Wendy Stock & Tom Riley, who have been nominated as BJD Age Managers of the Year! The nominations are for the SLSS Awards of Excellence 2011.  
Go Tom & Wendy!!!

#### **Nippers End of Season Presentations & Awards**

The Nippers End of Season Presentations & Awards for the U8's through to the SRC's will take place at the club in the main hall, on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm.

#### **Sponsors**

Our Nipper Program is dependent on the assistance of not only our great volunteers, but also the assistance and partnerships with our terrific Sponsors. If you have any in-roads or introductions to potential sponsors of Bondi Nippers, we would greatly appreciate it.

Please contact Michael Gencher at [nippers@bondisurfclub.com](mailto:nippers@bondisurfclub.com) for any information or details regarding spons or/partner programs and benefits.

#### **Our 2010/2011 Sponsors & Donors**

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<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Bondi-Nippers/155348247824519>

## **TRAINING**

Ski Training for Beginners starts Sunday, 1st May 2011 at 7.30am.

Meet at Clubhouse. Also Wednesdays at 4.00pm from 4th May 2011.

Please call Matt Colquhoun on 0414 234 452 if you have any questions.

- All Welcome!

## **SURF RACE (week )**