

**NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2009**



**ANNUAL CLUB DINNER**

On Saturday night the Annual Dinner and presentation night was held at the VH Golf Club. It was full house and the Club was delighted to have the presence of the local members of Parliament, both Mayors, sponsors, and past champions from by-gone eras. As usual Ian Grant's brilliant multi-media presentations reflected on the past year and brought smiles and applause from all.

Club Patron Bob Bruce OAM was bestowed with another great honour; He was awarded Life Custodian of the Club for truly remarkable service to our Club and Lifesaving in Australia. He is the first person to receive such an honour in our Club.



Bob Bruce: Club Patron & Peter Francis: Club Person of the year.

Competitors who won medals at State Championships from Junior to Masters were recognised with the pinnacle being Mickey Mason being awarded the Coopers Brewery Trophy for 'Competitor of the Year'. This was in recognition of his medal at the State Titles and winning Gold at The Australian Titles. His medal was presented by Lou Parker, our last Gold Medallist (1967) in the now defunct discipline of the pillow fight. Despite its dubious name, it was evidently a tough and brutal contest.

Another connection with the past was the assembling of some of the members of the 1956 Gold Medal R&R team. Ray Green, Paul (Shorty) Richardson, and Jeff Green won the Gold at Boomer Beach in front of a crowd of 8,000. They were present in part to honour our U14 Team (Gold and Bronze) and U15 team (Silver). This is considered to be a 'blue ribbon' event in many lifesaving circles. Life members of the Club commissioned a special commemorative work featuring all 3 teams and their achievements and which will hang proudly in the Clubrooms.

Many certificates were handed out covering all aspects of lifesaving: Training proficiencies, Trainers, appreciation awards, and recognition of patrol hours.

Stewart Cummings, Peter Trebilcock, Bryn Bridges, Alg Palaitis and Robert Mooney were recognised as having clocked up 1000 Patrol hours.

Chris Colmer reached the 500 milestone.

10 years of Patrol Service: Steve Evans

15 years: Kathy Carter, Mark Finlay, Tim Prance

25 years: Bryn Bridges

Certificates of appreciation were given to

Annette Martin and Jenny Reynolds for their excellent running of the merchandising aspect

Natalie Gilbert for her work at the Nationals as a team manager

Matt Smith for being the coach at the Junior State Titles

Claudia and Adrian Goldsmith for writing numerous grant applications

Marty Smee for publicity

Bronze medallions were presented to our latest batch of lifesavers, and Lucinda Remilton (Club Captain) received her Gold Medallion. This is the highest award in lifesaving and takes a Herculean effort to gain one.

Other major award Winners were:

Cadet of the year: Jess Dennis

Scellhase Trophy for outstanding knowledge of First Aid: Maggie Savage

Boat Captain's Award: Steven Overall

Mathews Riverside Studio Trophy for the most patrol hours: Peter Francis

Bob Bruce Trophy for the Patrol person of the year: Mark Finlay

Sandy McKenzie Trophy for outstanding commitment and role-modelling: Jeff Collins

Higgins Trophy for the junior who promotes the club and assists senior members: Hannah Davidson (2 years running!).

Club Person of the year, which is the highest award for the member who shows outstanding commitment, energy and encouragement: Peter Francis.

The night was a great success leaving everyone looking forward to the forthcoming season, and for the younger members, a greater appreciation of the proud history of the Port Elliot SLSC.

*Photos from the Dinner will appear on the website*

## SOLSTICE SWIM

What has become a tradition, the hardy souls at assembled at 5pm (ish) for the Winter solstice swim.

Depends on your point of view, but there were those without wet suits (tough or mad), one with a summer wetsuit (toughening up or slightly mad), and those with full wetsuits (soft or sensible).

Also present was a boat crew who remained remarkably dry, and a junior contingent on their competition boards, who also remained mainly dry.

Anyway the swimmers did their jog around to various points at the other side of Horseshoe Bay and duly swam back. Some paused in the middle to let off some pyrotechnics (also a tradition). Unseasonal sunny weather has resulted in the water being a balmy 14 degrees or thereabouts, so no-one suffered hypothermia, and after a warming shower all adjourned to the Clubrooms for soup, shared food, and fluid replacement.

The non-highlight of the night was Sibbo taking a pod of juniors to the jetty to let off some spectacular rocket flares. The rest of us gathered on the freezing balcony in anticipation. And there it ended – anticipation was all we got!



## **AGM 5/7/09**

The following officers were elected to run the Club this year.

Patron:	Bob Bruce
President:	Rod Ellis
Vice presidents:	Jeff Collins and Peter Francis
Secretary:	Fiona Haselgrove
Asst Secretary:	Marty Smee
Treasurer:	Gavin Roberts
Club Captain:	Hamish McMillan
Vice Captain:	Verity Remilton
Chief Instructor:	Regan Moon
Boat captain:	Kym Overall
IRB:	Mark Finlay
Gear Steward:	Michael Lippett
Power Boat:	Bob Bruce
Radio:	Bob Bruce
Club Room Stewards:	Tim Prance and Paul Buchanan
Members Reps:	Colin Sibly and Matt Smith
First Aid:	Jean Sinkinson
Publicity:	Marty Smee
Junior Manager:	Natalie Gilbert
Junior Secretary:	Penny Smith
Junior Instructor:	Jeff Collins
Auxiliary Rep:	TBA
Training Coordinator:	Troy Irvin
Lions Liaison:	Rod Ellis
Selection Committee:	Hamish, Troy, Jeff, Kym
Patrol Tribunal:	Robert Mooney, Chris Tapscott, Bob Bruce
Judiciary:	Marg Simpson. Troy, Mark, Jeff
Life membership:	Troy, Tim. Kym. Jeff Simpson, Bob

A Motion was also passed to the effect of putting the pontoon out this Year.

A suggestion was also tabled to expand the eligibility of these able to vote at AGMs. This will be put to the relevant committee.

## GET WELL SOON

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June both Peter Francis and Tony Fairweather had major joint surgery – hip and knee respectively. Incidentally they will be at the same hospital with the same surgeon. We wish them both a speedy recovery and hope to see them both participate this season

### **TURKEY TALK** with ELLIOT THE SCRUB TURKEY

The season is not yet officially under way and already the Turkey Award has a major claimant. Bryn Bridges broke his humerus (aka, funny bone) while Indian arm wrestling at school. Now he claims against a large Samoan student, while some question if it was really just a year 8 girl ? Now there's a great mental picture!



I'm afraid Elliot's 'owner' has to confess to a nomination. He managed to book a flight to Cairns on the same day as the return flight but on a different airline. It would have been the shortest holiday in history!