

2009 PRESENTATION NIGHT

What a fantastic night we had! So many people commented on what a great time they had and thank you to those people that really embody the spirit of the club! In case you didn't go, here are the results for last year.



A GRADE

- 1st – Gareth McAuslin
- 2nd – Clive Roberts
- 3rd – Bob Munro
- 4th – John Mandybur and Dave Wingate
- 5th – Peter Harves
- 6th – Erin Dark
- 7th – Matt Norris
- 8th – Samantha Keats
- 9th – Trevor Dawson
- 10th – Ralph Illyes
- Encouragement – Jim Lane
- Most Improved – Matt Norris



B GRADE

- 1st – Dave Dark
- 2nd – Ron Williamson
- 3rd – Bill Hebden
- 4th – Marie Masland
- 5th – Richard Ward
- Encouragement – Bill Hebden
- Most Improved – Ron Williamson

Missed you all

BY SAMANTHA KEATS

Last weekend, I was away at a leadership training weekend and missed the February pointscore. But from what I have heard, it was a beauty! Thank you to Peter and Serg for putting up their hands again to provide you with a hot breakfast. They will continue to do this each pointscore, so bring your \$5 for something to eat and a drink. Thanks also to Bob, for taking over the reins for the day as both myself and Mick were away. And also to all those people that continue to help carry all the gear backwards and forwards, I appreciate you so much. You will find the results



posted now that we have two pointscores under our belt, and there are links to new pics. This newsletter will also be posted to the website and will no longer be printed out for each pointscore – a much more environmentally friendly approach.

Congratulations to a number of members who have been participating in open events. Firstly is the 25th Annual banana classic, hosted by DV8's and held at Shellharbour on the 13th of February. There were three entrants from Club Mal-nutrition – Max Boys (over 50 division), Erin Dark (womens and junior divisions), and Ralph Illyes (over 40 and open divisions). Along with the photo above, on the next page is a report from both Ralph and Erin's mum Helen. Thank you to them both for providing these so all the club members can hear about their successes outside of the club. Also, Helen had just emailed me this: On Saturday the 27th the 2010 Regional Eliminations were held at Held at "Easties" (East Corrimal) and hosted by the Laybacks. The surf was around the 2-3 foot mark and quite good early in the day, a NE wind giving the tent a bit of a shake-up later in the day and a couple of the Finals at the end of the day were surfed in deteriorating conditions. Erin Dark, Jarrod Hayes, John Mandybur, Ralph Illyes and Max Boys all competed representing Club Malnutrition, posting some excellent results: Jarrod 3rd Juniors, Max 3rd over 60s, John 3rd over 55s, Erin 1st open womens and 1st girls U18. This qualifies them for the state titles in June.... WELL DONE!!!!

We held our first committee meeting last week and discussed a number of things. The suggestion around a grade between A and B was brought up again but as we mentioned at the AGM, this would only be possible if there were enough members to facilitate this. Unfortunately for the this year we will not be able to instigate that but it is still a possibility for next year. We are gathering prices for the club t-shirts and will definately be ready for the April pointscore if not sooner. And this year, the club will be subsidising the entire amount! Also, the committee has agreed to continue the Seven Miles of Smiles but with a few changes. So put down Saturday 1st of May as the date and entry forms will be up in the next few weeks.

The next pointscore is on 28 March and Gareth is organising a camping night down at the Gerroa Caravan Park for the Saturday night before. For those of you who went last year, it was a great social night with a BBQ and plenty of laughs. And if you didn't come las year, don't miss out on this years! Gareth needs to book the sites so please let him know ASAP if you need a site. If you can't make it for the sleepover, please join us for dinner by bringing all you own gear but the clubs BBQ will be there.

Au revoir!



3am start

BY RALPH ILLYES

A wet day, with constant showers, saw contestant numbers somewhat down on previous years' and a small but hardy group of surfers took to the water. The venue this year was the south end of Warilla beach. The surf was 2-3 foot with the odd larger set. Clean and glassy conditions saw the heats underway and some great surfing as the day progressed. The surf stayed very clean all day with the predicted 5-15 knots ENE holding off to a light and variable wind, however the dropping tide saw the banks bringing some competitors to grief.

Whilst Max gave a strong showing in the over 50s he didn't manage to progress through his heat but stayed on to support the rest of the Gerroa contingent. Ralph managed a third in the Over 40s semi's progressing through to the final and into a straight final in the open.

Erin starred in the ladies, showing some powerful turns with her dimitutive frame, winning her final in a tight tussle. Erin then went on to show many of the local junior boys how it's done, mixing her repertoire of turns with some deft noseriding and picked up a very creditable second, only being pipped for first place by Jake Bevan, now surfing with the DV8's club.

Ralph surfed well in the final but did not have the goods against some very good competition, picking up a sixth and with an early three O'clock start from Canberra for the day (no excuses), was fast running out of puff and succumbed to the unforgiving bank on a dead low tide in the Open, pulling off another sixth and some impressive dismounts on the sucking bank.

All in all the Gerroa entrants hauled four gongs away from what was a wet but fun day for all. DV8's yet again hosted a fabulous and well run contest, as always, with the usual camaraderie shown between all participants and clubs involved and sausage sangas and instant coffee was the order of the day.

A bit of history on the Banana Classic. Long time DV8 club member and Shellharbour local, Gordon Summerville 'the Banana himself', gave an interesting and amusing account of how the naming of the Banana classic actually came about some 25 years ago. The short story goes, that word had gotten out that he had been killed at the infamous Banzai Pipeline on Hawaii's North Shore, when he was actually alive and well, enjoying plenty of beer and surfing. His distraught mum rang Hawaii confirming that he was ok, but by this time a well known local surfer had already initiated the Banana 'memorial' in his honour. The fact that he is still alive and well today attests to why the 'memorial' part of the Banan Clasic title was removed.

Erin's continuing form

BY HELEN DARK

On Saturday February 13th, three of our club members competed in the 25th DV8 Skipp Banana Malibu Classic which was held at Warilla beach. Although the conditions for spectators was not too favourable (rain, rain and more rain) the surf conditions were good with clean 2ft waves and no wind.

Max Boys, Ralph Illyes and Erin Dark all surfed their best and had fun. You may see Max next time on a brand new Skipp surfboard. Max competed in the over 50s as there was no over 60s division, surfing well against much younger competitors, but unlucky didn't make the finals. Ralph qualified for the over 40s final finishing 4th and the opens final finishing 6th – congratulations Ralph.

Erin continued her form from last year coming 1st in the Open Womens and 2nd in the Junior (U18) against all the boys.

PROGRAM FOR 2010

Point scores

January 31	July 25
February 28	August 29
March 28	September 26
April 25	October 31
May 23	November 28
June 27	

Open Competitions

7 Miles of Smiles

Saturday 1 May

Presentation Night

To be advised

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