

Harold Spurway Memorial Surf Club Bowls Day

The 37th Annual Bowls Day was held on Sunday, 21st June 1998 at Cronulla Bowling Club. The original date of 17th May was postponed due to torrential rain and flooding of the greens. The new date actually saw an increase in the number of bowlers present which helped towards the success of the day.

An amount of \$2,100.00 was raised, continuing the wonderful tradition of support for our Club by the Cronulla Bowling Club.

Our thanks must go to the sponsors, the Board and members of Cronulla Bowling & Recreation Club and also Cronulla Men's Bowling Club led by Les Boyd with great assistance from Bob Richards and John Thomson.

The main raffle prize of accommodation and meals at Rydges Cronulla Hotel was donated by the hotel management and is very much appreciated. Many donations and prizes for the day were received from Bowling Club members and our own Warren McLellan. A total of \$1,300.00 from donations and entry fees was provided, a great start to the fundraising.

I must thank our Vice President, Frank Pengelly for his organisation and efforts towards the day. With Frank's wonderful work, the success of the day was never in doubt. Thanks also to the members and ladies of the Surf Club who assisted with the food and raffles, as well as the BBQ kings, Ross Smith, Col Elliott and Doug Bruce. It was disappointing to not have some of our younger members present as this day is for the benefit of their Club.

Unfortunately Frank Doran was ill and unavailable on the day and his skill and wit on the microphone was greatly missed. Our committee of John Hollingdale and John Wilson worked very hard, both before and on the day organising chocolate wheel prizes and generally running proceedings. My thanks must go to both these members and Bill Eady for their excellent work.

1997-98 Greg Hewett, Convenor.

Cronulla Shark Island Swim

The 1998 Shark Island Swim was conducted on Sunday, 15th March in the worst conditions that the Organising Committee has faced in our 10 years. The day was overcast with continuous rain, a southerly gale and choppy sea conditions.

Sea conditions taken into account the swim was a great success with 565 swimmers competing. The weather conditions certainly had a bearing on the swim numbers and the Committee felt that if it had been a fine day and with our promotion and vast publicity, we would have had record numbers. There were some 217 first time swimmers.

In all aspects involved in the running of the event, the efficiency that was produced to ensure the event's success and the appropriate safety that was provided, was nothing short of exemplary.

Water Safety was a major concern and whilst the number of water safety personnel was down, those in attendance did an excellent job. To be on the water in the wind and rain for some ninety minutes, was cold and most uncomfortable. Our thanks to the Boat Crews, I.R.B personnel and the members on boards and skis for a great effort. This was reflected in that some twelve rescues had to be performed, due to blue bottles and the adverse conditions.

Daniel McLellan who was trying for his eighth straight win in this year's swim, was beaten by Ky Hurst and Craig Stevens in a closely swum race.

The Shark Island Swim Committee would like to thank the following persons:

- Frank Doran – Frank Doran Financial Services for his support and sponsorship.
- Radio Station 2KY1017.
- Les Mead 2KY1017 for his help in securing 2KY1017 as a sponsor and for promoting the swim and giving our major sponsor Frank Doran 30 free ads on the radio.
- Legal and General for their sponsorship of a \$1000.00 Insurance Bond given to a lucky swimmer.
- Martin Johnson of North Cronulla S.L.S.C. for being our Announcer on the day. Martin did a fine job and his interviews with the top swimmers before the swim and his interviews with swimmers taken at random afterwards added to the excellent feeling amongst the crowd.
- Chris Stephenson from Wanda S.L.S.C. for organising the address lists to be sent to swimmers who have swum in previous years and for compiling times and placings in all age categories. Chris has helped us with the swim for many years.
- John Buckham for his donation of the Swim Certificates.
- Ross Diver-Tuck for the donation of the Swim Timing Cards.
- Bob Johnson for organising the Water Safety.
- Bill Stafford and Ron Smith from Wanda S.L.S.C. for their continued help in organising the swim.
- Bill Eady for compiling lists of paid swimmers, taking phone enquiries and for keeping the swim account.
- Ken English our Referee. Ken's experience out on the swim course was a great help.
- Robyn Jordan for treating some 60 swimmers for blue bottle stings. Robyn, with the help of the patrol, had a busy time.
- Kathie Piggott and the Touring Committee who organised the sausage sizzle and raffle.
- The Swim Committee for their efforts to ensure that another successful swim would be held.
- The Club Members, for their combined help in the running of the swim. Your help on these days is much appreciated. Sincere thanks again to all who helped on the day.

John Hollingdale, Convenor.

200 Club

It is once again pleasing to report the success of this season's 200 Club. I say success because we did make about \$1,300.00 profit from this venture. Unfortunately it was not fully subscribed and the profit should have been much higher. Where else can you go to a function with your partner and kids for \$30.00 which includes free drink and a meal with also a chance to win \$1,000.00? The function itself is worth more than \$30.00. So next year support the 200 Club. The money made is for your club.

I would like to thank the other members of the 200 Club committee, Paul Day, Kathie Piggott and Col Elliott for their great efforts in ticket selling and also to Joy Hitchenson and her ladies for their continued help with this function.

I look forward to another season with you.

Allan Metti, Convenor.