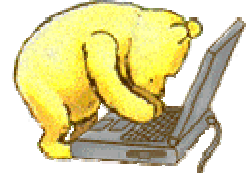




Pooh Bear's News

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WELCOME TO THE FOURTH EDITION FOR THE SEASON

The season is grinding to an inevitable close as people are starting to turn their attention to football and other winter sports which have been saturating television sets this past month. Notwithstanding, the season does not officially end until the last week in April.

The season has ended for our Nippers, however, and the last remaining event for seniors is the Australian Surf Life Saving titles over in Perth.

Perth is a long way to travel and accommodation is scarce. You can be sure that there will be no bargains to be had for either air fares or digs. One gets to wondering if the titles will be held in Perth for the scheduled three years before shifting to Coffs Harbour. Given the overwhelming majority of competitors and supporters from the eastern states compared to the west, pressure for a change in venue will be brought to bear if numbers in attendance at the carnival drop significantly from past levels. We will wait and see.

Our South Curl Curl surf boat contingent is on its way to Perth at the time of writing and it is quite possible that the titles will be over by the time that you get to read this edition. Can't be helped.

As you will be aware, our surf boat competitors across the spectrum have competed with distinction this season. At the recent State Titles our senior women's crew won a silver medal and our two men's A crews were very competitive. The Club fielded two crews in the 180 year masters division with one of the crews also bagging a silver. The other crew, made up of Nipper dads made the second round and showed good things for the future. Our boat captain Mal Johnston provides a detailed summary of the boats in his report and I refer you to that for a more accurate commentary.

The Club Championships were staged last Sunday (March 18th) which is another tell tale sign that the season's end is nigh. A full report of the results of the championships also appears later in this edition.

Errol Jones continues his sterling work as guardian angel of the Club's gym, not to mention mentor and role model for gym patrons.

I can't begin to tell you the benefits bestowed by Errol on Rocket and your correspondent for instance.

However, I have noticed one disturbing habit that Errol has recently developed. I do believe that Errol has acquired an addiction to the vapours from his cleaning products. You have heard of petrol sniffing and glue sniffing haven't you? (they call it chroming). I recently surprised Errol in the act of inhaling the fumes from an aerosol can he keeps in a brown paper bag, much like a sherry bottle disguised in a brown paper bag by alcoholics and tramps on the park benches at Wynyard. After a deep breath of the toxic vapours,

Errol suddenly developed a violent twitch, similar to a cockroach after being sprayed with Baygon.

I will keep a watchful eye on Errol and I suggest that you do the same. I would hate to see Errol fall off the rails.

I can't report any news on Dicky Roberts or on Black Jack apart from their exemplary behaviour which is tending to make them boring members. Dicky is a little peculiar though. Have you seen him in that black swimming cap on his head? He is now known as Esther Williams in some circles. I don't know about that. I know Dicky is an old woman, but isn't she dead?

Steve Rose continues to lurk around the scene but not low enough to escape my radar. Steve is your classic sensitive new age guy who some women think is the perfect man. Steve is still living with his in-laws and I hear from reliable sources that these deluded people think Steve is the perfect son-in-law. I don't know if the readers remember episodes of "Leave it to Beaver" from the 60's and 70's but there was a character on that show that reminded me of Steve and that was Eddie Haskell who would fawn over Beaver's mum in a sickening manner while at the same time kicking Beaver under the table. I went off "Leave it to Beaver" after the episode that Beaver's mum complained to her husband that he was "too hard on the Beaver last night" and that was 30 years ago.

I also hear that Steve is a dark horse for a place in the Club Championship (I won't divulge how he went, you will have to read on). He was so confident of placing highly since he engaged a personal trainer who bore a striking resemblance of his wife, Skye.

Steve is doing an excellent job as Club Treasurer though, despite his other short comings.

The Long Road to Perth

After examining all of the possible ways of transporting our surfboat to Perth for the Australian titles, it was decided to tow the boat across the Nullabor highway behind a Manly Aluminium utility.

Ribs and Denzil are driving to the west in a convoy of cars including Zombie, NR and crews from other northern beaches clubs.

Because it is such a long drive, the boat will be towed back with Barry Farrell and Charlie Kuhn as drivers with Ribs and his offside flying back home.

I don't know who has drawn the shorter straw, Ribs or Barry. I'll let you be the judge but travelling five thousand kilometres in a ute with Denzil would be something if not unforgettable.

Boat Report

Well, it's that time of year when you carefully pack your sluggos, cap and drinking shoes and head off for the Australian Championships. At the time this is going to press we have competitors in transit to Scarborough Beach in WA. Let's hope Termite didn't create a serious security incident at the airport like he did last year by trying to carry his favourite rowlock in his carry on luggage. The look of the X-ray man's face when he saw it was priceless.

This report is only a brief one. There will be a full wrap up of South Curly results for the Aussies, State, ASRL and other carnivals in the next issue. I need to talk to my media liaisons (Ribs and Gus) to ensure I get all facts straight before I go to press. At the moment they aren't taking calls – they're a bit busy steering surfboats in WA.

STOP PRESS!! NEWS JUST IN FROM SCARBOROUGH!

South Curly Masters win Aussie Final in the 180's division.

Gus has just reported that Ribs' Masters Crew, consisting of Bucko, Champ, Billy and Marko, "absolutely smashed the field" to win the final in the 180's division. Well done lads. Also the 140's crew, consisting of Gus (rowing not sweeping), Joel, Johnno, Ox and Pete came 4th in the 140's division.

One thing I will report on is that Graeme Opie was forced to retire injured from the Reserve Boat Crew. The incident occurred early on a Saturday morning out the front of South Curly Surf Club. Gus was sneaking the boat out next to the pool in a typically messy and fairly nasty South Curly surf when a wave popped up from nowhere and walloped us. The boat rolled in an instant, and while Graeme was ejected from the boat his leg was twisted and his knee damaged. Personally, this was the worst situation I have ever found myself in whilst rowing a surfboat since I started rowing in 1988. The Curly rip quickly dragged us out around the corner towards Freshy Beach, way past the pool. With anxious spectators gathering on the headland we were only just able to turn the boat right side up whilst being battered by more waves, each one pushing us closer to certain destruction against the rocks. Luckily Gus had his sweep oar and was still able to give clear and concise instructions (albeit with 'colorful' language included) and with only Tim and I rowing we tried to row back out to sea. At one point it would have taken only one more wave to smash us against the rocks, but to everyone's relief we somehow managed to make it out. We hope that Graeme recovers ASAP. Thank you to Elts (and Vanessa) who was able to step in to take his place for the rest of the season.

Cheers for now.

Mal
BC

Boat Report Post Scrip

This journal has taken longer than expected to complete. So long in fact that the Aussies are over. Our women's crew came third in the final in a blanket finish and Gus' Men's A crew made it to the final 12. A more detailed report will appear in the next edition.

Rocks on the Sand Update

No action has yet been taken by Council but I was recently informed that Council have ordered a special machine, currently employed in the Blue Mountains, to sift the rocks from the sand. Be assured that we will continue to remind Council of the problem until the rocks are eventually removed.

Foreign Correspondent

Yes, we are down to one and that's Ruth Maloney who has been living in Los Angeles for a while. Ruth shares a story with us about the joys of travelling in Mexico and the costs of medical care in America.

"Here's a question for the new Bronze medallion recipients What treatment do you give a person that shows up in the surf looking like this? Well this is what I did surfing in Mexico before Christmas, and of course I used the RICE method to bring myself back to full health:

REALLY paddle hard to stay away from the rocks once you have sconed yourself with your own board. One of the good things about double vision is that you have 2 sets of arms to get you out of trouble.

ICE - yep, even remembered that. Very good in margaritas.

CALL - sister who is a doctor at the Gold Coast for proper diagnosis. she has lots of interesting stories about people who show up in the emergency room after the National Titles.

EMERGENCY - go to Cedars Sinai upon return to Los Angeles. Now I don't want to hear any more whining about the Australian medical system. Guess how much the ER doctor and MRI cost? Nope wrong, double it, then double it again. USD 5,800. I was there less than 2 hours (now I know why the place was empty). Prognosis: fractured cheekbone. Treatment: it will fix itself. they did offer me free counselling. So did work. It doesn't cover surfing lessons.

Anyway, the thing that p*ssed me off the most was not the doctor's bill, but the damn \$80 cash we had to pay to the Tijuana cops for "speeding" on the way back. It took 6 hours to cross the border, at the skankiest town in all of the Americas. The should have paid is \$80 for lifting the tone of the place.

So my eye took about 5 days before the double vision went away, and about 2 weeks before I didn't look like somebody out of cops. The interesting thing about a black eye is that you get to hear how everybody else got their black eyes back in the day. The sick thing is how many guys thought it looked "cool". See you down the beach in March."

Ruth should be over here soon and I am looking forward to checking her for any obvious body art she may have acquired since leaving these shores.

Message from Jordi Skelton - Sprint Coaching

"Sprint/Speed Training for Seniors and Masters 07/08

We have a good history with beach events in South Curl Curl which has unfortunately been non existent for many years. I feel it is time to resurrect all those weary and tired muscles and turn you back into lean mean sprinting machines. I will be running a number of programs next season and are looking for any interested seniors and masters that would like to train and/or compete next season. At the moment I am looking to see what numbers

I can get to make it worthwhile - no obligations - yet. So far I have a small group that are keen to do it (male and female), so I'm sure you will benefit greatly from this training no matter what condition you are in. If you are at all thinking this sounds good, just give Jordi Skelton a call on 0417 731 652 or email at jordi.skelton@caromadorf.com

Nippers Sprint/Speed Training 07/08

While I'm at it I would also like to see any keen interest from the nippers. I mentioned at Nippers presentation about a nippers training program for those kids that are keen to do more specialised training for the sprinting and relays. This year we had a really good consistent roll up on Thursdays which was basically recreational and the kids also had a lot of fun. The additional training next season will be much more than this and focus on technique, improving acceleration, speed and speed endurance and strength conditioning, all to suit their age and ability. Probably looking at 2 nights per week starting prior to next season, so will be more for the keen kids that are willing to learn. Again if interested please call Jordi Skelton a call on 0417 731 652 or email at jordi.skelton@caromadorf.com"

DA Progress

As stated in the last edition, the construction of a new ramp from the promenade to the beach should commence this winter and be completed by the start of the season.

Our DA for the proposed improvements to Club buildings has not yet been finalised. Because of the sensitivity of the proposed development, the DA has been advertised in the local media and by notification to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their opinions.

The advertising period ceases on 27 March, 2007 and the DA will then be considered by an external consultant engaged by Council.

The recommendation of the consultant will apparently be a factor in the final decision taken by Council. We will wait and see what develops and the Club will continue to press for the approval of the DA.

Nippers Report

Darrin Stoker, who is the President of our Nipper division, has contributed the following summary of events for the season.

"Hard to believe the season has come and gone already when arguably the nicest time of the year to be at the beach is with us right now. It seems those winter sports start earlier each year with many kids already having commitments for training and trial matches when they should be enjoying the beach!

The South Curl Nippers contingent continues to grow and this season saw us pass 300 registered Nippers from Under 6 to Under 14. Keeping all those kids safe and happy each Sunday morning takes a bit of planning but the most important ingredient is the dedication of the parents that run the age groups. With some of the younger age groups consistently seeing 30-50 children each Sunday, there is great demand for help from the parents and I am happy to say this is generally forthcoming.

This season the “Nipper Parents”, (there must be a more suitable collective noun), have take on all the Sunday morning patrols. This has become possible because many of the parents have joined the club and completed their bronze medallion in the last couple of years. As a result we have very strong patrols on Sunday mornings and plenty of water safety for the kids during Nippers. This year we have had an even greater number of parents doing their bronze than last year so our patrol and water safety numbers look assured. We owe a lot of thanks to Bryn Russell and Craig Blake who have put in countless hours with our bronze and SRC squads.

The surf rescue certificate (SRC) is a test of Surf lifesaving knowledge and skills similar to that required to obtain the bronze medallion. Children 13-16 years are eligible and we currently have a large group close to completing their examinations. In the future we hope to have all the Nippers that make it through to this age with us complete their SRC, as this in many ways is a sign of graduation from Nippers to the senior club.

New Sponsor

This season SCC Nippers were lucky enough to receive sponsorship from Freshwater Financial Services. Their donation helped us purchase a new tent for the club which we can use at Carnivals and on Sundays at the beach. If you are in the market for a new mortgage, we would encourage you to speak to Sean Richardson sean@freshwaterfinancialservices.com.au and if he can help you out, the surf club will receive an additional \$500.

Nippers Club Champion

This season we were able to re-introduce a perpetual trophy that has laid dormant since season 2000/2001 for a Nippers club Champion. The committee discussed what criteria might be suitable to select the recipient of such an award and decided to consider a number of factors including, years with club, Carnival performances, attendance at Nippers and overall involvement with the Nippers. We had a unanimous decision in selecting Olivia Settree for the award as Olivia had a terrific track record in all the criteria. She has been with us since Under 6's, she has represented SCC at almost every Carnival available and excelled in the beach events resulting in selection for the branch team this season. She has always been an enthusiastic member of our all age relay team at the carnivals even in her early years when we struggled for numbers and she would invariably have to run up one or two age groups. Our thanks also to Bill Yeates and St Augustines College for prize that now goes along with this award.

Carnivals

This season again saw an increase in the number of competitors from SCC and there were some outstanding results from the Under 8's right through. SCC performed well in both beach and water events and our thanks must go to Peter Yeates and Jordi Skelton for training kids each week and helping them to improve their performances. The Under 8's look to have a team of boys destined for great things in the future and many of them came home with medals from the branch Carnival. The under 9's continued where they left off on the beach last season but this season they were able to compete in the board and swim events with board relay teams in both boys and girls. Under 10's were again consistently strong in the water and beach events, while 11's,12's,13's and 14's all performed well at the Carnivals.

Our Branch Championship place getters were:

Under 8's

Max Dragan Gold in Boys Wade, Silver in Boys Flags
Boys Wade Relay bronze
Tasha Allen 6th in Girls Sprint

Under 9's

Margo O'Brien 5th Girls Beach Sprint
Girls Beach Relay 5th
Jamoia Bennett 5th Girls Flags

Under 10's

Zac Dragan Bronze Boys Swim
Henry Pennifex 5th Boys Swim, 4th Boys Board
Dominic Duran Bronze Boys Sprint, 6th Boys Flags
Silver Boys Swim Teams
5th Boys Board Relay

Under 11's

Caitlin Fuller 6th Girls Sprint
4th Girls Beach Relay

Under 12's

4th Boys Board Relay
Liam Yeates & Josh Yeates Gold Board Rescue
5th Boys Beach Relay

Under 14's

Olivia Setttee Silver Girls Sprint

Details of all the results can be found on the Sydney Northern Beach website
www.surflifesaving.net and look under latest Carnival Results."

Charlie's Chuckles

We have a few good jokes for this edition including one from Charlie.

This is one of Charlie's best:

"Akmed the Arab came to the United States from the Tunisia,
And he was only here a few months when he became very ill.
He went to doctor after doctor, but none of them could help him.

Finally, he went to an Arab doctor who said, "Take dees bocket,
Go into de odder room, poop in de bocket, pee on de poop, and den put
Your head down over de bocket and breathe in de fumes for ten minutes."

Akmed took the bucket, went into the other room, pooped in the bucket, Peed on the poop, bent over and breathed in the fumes for ten minutes.

Coming back to the doctor he said, "It worked. I feel terrific! What was wrong with me?"

The doctor said, "You were homesick."

Kiwi Joke contributed by Errol:

An Aussie bloke is having a quiet drink in a bar and leans over to the big guy next to him and says, "Do you wanna hear a Kiwi joke?"

The big guy replies, "Well, mate, before you tell that joke, you should know something. I'm 1.8m tall, 105kg and played in the forward for the All Blacks. The guy next to me is 1.85m, weighs 115kg and he's am ex - All Black Lock. Next to him is a bloke who's 2m tall, weighs 120kg and he's a current All Black second rower. Now do you still want to tell that Kiwi joke."

The first bloke says, "Nah, not if I'm going to have to explain it three times."

Irish Joke:

Three dead bodies turn up at the mortuary, all with very big smiles on their faces. The coroner calls in the police to tell them what has happened.

First body: "Frenchman, 60, died of heart failure while making love to his mistress. Hence the enormous smile, Inspector", says the Coroner.

Second body: "Scotsman, 25, won a thousand pounds on the lottery, spent it all on whisky. Died of alcohol poisoning, hence the smile."

The Inspector asked, "What of the third body?"

"Ah", says the coroner, "This is the most unusual one:

Big Seamus Quinn from Donegal, 30 struck by lightning."

"Why is he smiling then?" inquires the Inspector.

"He thought he was having his photo taken."

Religions Joke:

A Nun's Lunch.

An old nun who was living in a convent next to a Brooklyn construction site took offence to the coarse language of the construction workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their vocabulary.

She decided she would take her lunch, sit with the workers and talk with them. She put her sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating.

She walked up to the group and with a big smile said: "Do you men know Jesus Christ?"

They shook their heads and looked at each other.

One of the workers looked up into the steel work and yelled "Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?"

One of the steelworkers yelled down a "Yea. Why?"

The worker yelled back "His wife's here with his lunch."

True Story from old England about George and the Dragon:

An 18th-century vagabond in England, exhausted and famished, came to a roadside Inn with a sign reading:

'George and the Dragon'. He knocked.

The Innkeeper's wife stuck her head out a window, "Could ye spare some victuals?" he asked.

The woman glanced at his shabby, dirty clothes. "No!" she shouted.

"Could I have a pint of ale?"

"No!" she shouted.

"Could I at lease sleep in your stable?"

"No!" she shouted again.

The vagabond said, "Might I please.....?"

"What now?" the woman screeched, not allowing him to finish.

"D'ye suppose," he asked, "that I might have a word with George?"

Story about Butch the Rooster:

John, the farmer, was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers, hens called pullets and eight or ten roosters, whose job was to make sure the eggs were fertile.

The farmer kept records and any rooster that didn't perform went into the soup pot and was replaced.

That took an awful lot of his time so he bought a set of tiny bells and attached them to his roosters.

Each bell had a different tone so John could tell from a distance which rooster was performing.

Now he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report simply by listening to the bells.

The farmer's favourite rooster was old Butch, a very fine specimen he was too, but on this particular morning John noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all! John went to investigate.

The other roosters were chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing.

Unfortunately the pullets would hear the roosters coming and would run for cover.

But to Farmer John's amazement, Butch had his bell in his beak so it couldn't ring.

He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one.

John was so proud of Butch, he entered him in the county fair and Butch became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The result The judges not only awarded Butch the "No Bell Piece Prize", but they also awarded him the 'Pulletsurprise" as well.

Clearly, Butch was a politician in the making.

Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most highly coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention?

Wired for Sound

Barry Farrell was engaged to wire the Club for sound and he has done a great job. Thanks to Barry's skill, the acoustics are fabulous, courtesy of the four quality speakers fixed to the walls and positioned to minimise any distortion.

Barry has advised the Club that this installation sets us up for any future expansion.

The installation of the sound system will be greatly appreciated by the members and will make the venue more attractive to hirers.

Club Championship Results

The results of the recent Championships are as follows:-

INTRA CLUB COMPETITION

Open Championship Results

Surf

Elly Gillis
Bryn Russell
Cathy Fuller

Board

Chad Flemming
Rob Lowery
Gus Spiteri

Ski

Kevin Moffatt
Nathan Know
Gus Spiteri

Sprint

Chad Flemming
Scott Taylor
Steve Rose

Flags

Tim Rodham
Scott Taylor
Nick Hatch

Junior Championships

Surf

Isabella Dobrijevitch
Mitchell Buckingham
Scott Taylor

Board

Ben Spiteri
Scott Taylor
Mitchell Buckingham

Ski

Scott Taylor
Mitchell Buckingham

Master Board

Kevin Moffatt
John MacIntosh
Barry Farrell

Masters Ski

Kevin Moffatt
John MacIntosh
Sean Elliot

Masters Sprint

Sean Elliot
John MacIntosh
Barry Farrell

Club Calendar

- Lake Tabouri trip - 11 April, 2007 to 15 April, 2007
- Presentation Night - 19 May, 2007
- Annual General Meeting - 19 August, 2007
- Curly Sound Waves - 14 October, 2007
- End of Season Ball - 5 May, 2007
- 90th Anniversary Ball - 2008

Surf Award Graduates

Our trainers Bryn Russell and Craig Blake report that 13 candidates have successfully completed their bronze medallion examinations resulting in an addition of 13 qualified members to the patrol roster. This is great for the successful candidates and great for the Club.

Not to be outdone, our cadet membership has provided 12 successful Surf Rescue Certificate candidates which is an excellent effort.

Many thanks to all candidates and especially to Bryn and Craig for their efforts and the efforts of Bucko, Gus & Ribs with the cadets.

New Club Tents

The Club has acquired 2 new tents for our competitors. The tents are large enough to house all of our competitors and probably our supporters at carnivals which is great news. But the really good news is that we have managed to find sponsors for both new tents - Manly Aluminium Windows and Harbord Diggers Club.

These tents will be sure to provide our sponsors with plenty of value for at least the next ten years with the names of these sponsors prominently on display at the various carnival locations.

It should be remembered that our Nippers also acquired a new tent last year which is sponsored by Freshwater Financial Services.

Gym Bulletin

Generally speaking the gym has been left in good condition by most users. Keep thinking about the next user and leave the gym in the condition that you would like to find it and all will be well.

One thing to remember - the gym is not a crèche and kids are generally forbidden. Insurance and common sense issues dictates that kids be excluded. Any young kids found in the gym will be shown the door.

Club Sponsors

Thanks to a lot of effort by John White (Maverick) Harbord Diggers Club has returned to our list of sponsors. The Diggers have sponsored one of our new tents and they have also promised to sponsor Curly Sound Waves which will be held at the beach later this year - around October.

This is fantastic news.

Remember, you all owe an obligation to our sponsors to support them at every opportunity.

To remind you who our sponsors are, the following list identified these generous institutions:-

- Harbord Beach Hotel
- Bendigo Community Bank Limited
- Harbord Diggers Club
- Freshwater Financial Services
- Manly Aluminium Windows
- Roche Products
- My Life
- Allan Hall Partnership
- Wong & Mayes
- The membership of South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club

The Club is always in need of Sponsors, so please do not let an opportunity slip. If you have a lead to a new sponsor, pass it on to the Committee.

We will probably order a new surf boat for next season and a sponsor will help the Club defray some of the costs, and boats cost plenty.

Diary of a Reluctant Traveller

I don't know about any of you, but I find air travel to be a real drag. A punch in the guts actually with endless waits on the end of interminable queues after spending endless hours in an uncomfortable seat next to someone who snores. You can probably guess that I usually travel economy.

On my recent holiday, I had a bit of a scare on take-off from Sydney when one of the plane's engines blew. I wondered what the violent shudder was all about until a voice over the PA calmly announced that number three engine had blown and there was nothing to worry about and, in fact, the plane could fly all the way to America on three engines. However, the voice continued, the policy of Qantas on these occasions, was to return to base after dumping the fuel over the ocean. This news was reassuring because I was thinking about making all sorts of irrational promises to the Almighty if I was allowed to get back on to the ground in one piece. The promises included to being nice to Errol and tolerant of Dicky provided I got back in one piece. Well I clearly got back OK but the worst thing was the ten hour wait for our next flight. Spending ten hours more than planned in an air terminal is excruciatingly boring and a real test of character. Some nasty people have made the comment that my predicament was a classic example of karma.

A pay back for the cheap shots at my usual victims delivered in this magazine. You be the judge but I don't see it that way.

One thing about overseas travel is the opportunity to watch all of those movies you always planned to see. I watched about a dozen. Most of them mindless rubbish which made me glad I didn't waste my time before. One movie I watched twice, however, was BORAT which is about a moron from Uzbekistan who goes to America to learn the local customs. If you have a sick sense of humour, the movie is quite amusing in parts. Borat is actually an R rated Norman Gunston show and he leaps from one outrageous situation to another. It is definitely worth hiring for a laugh when no-one is watching, otherwise it is totally disgusting. I rated the story one star out of ten for content but seven out of ten for a bit of fun.

Soundwaves is Coming Soon

Curly Soundwaves will be held on Sunday, 14 October, 2007.

Lyndall is already making plans for another successful event and she would like all Club members and supporters to make a special effort to sell tickets to our VIP area. Talk to your friends and associates and tell them what a great deal it is to eat endless seafood in a great environment while simultaneously helping our cause.

Useful Information Concerning Mobile Phones Contributed by Errol

"Things you never knew your mobile could do

There are few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies.

Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

EMERGENCY

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The Emergency Number worldwide for **Mobile** is 122 . *

If you find yourself out of coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked. **Try it out.**

II

Subject: Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keys? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a mobile phone:

Hold you mobile phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the boot).

Editor's Note: **It works fine! We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a mobile phone!**

III

Subject: Hidden Battery power

Imagine your mobile battery is very low, you are expecting an important call and you don't have a charger. Nokia instrument comes with a reserve battery. To activate, press the keys ***3370#**. Your mobile will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your mobile next time.

AND

IV

How to disable a **STOLEN** mobile phone?

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone:

***#0 6#**

A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless.

You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either.

If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

Please spread this useful information around.

A Message to the Reader (you know who you are)

Your village called, their idiot is missing.

Cheers