

Club Newsletter January 2009

Happy New Year everyone, hope you and your family had a great break and are not back into the swing of things and ready for a busy few weeks with numerous carnivals and events coming up!!!

Thanks to all those people who helped run our Fitzroy Carnival, it proved to be the best run club carnival this season! Well done team. Special thanks to Ron and Carol McLeod from SteelFab who donated the Spot Prizes for the carnival and to Faith Stokes for helping organise them!

We have got Taranaki Champs at our beach at the end of Feb so let's make sure we have another top team effort and show the rest of the district how organised we are!! We would like to run a bbq and sell burgers and food at Taranaki Champs so if you can help with this please let me know!!

Our annual Powerco Waitangi Day Carnival is not far away and there is a special note about this at the end of the newsletter so please make sure you can make the meeting and are prepared to work hard on the 6th of Feb to raise lots of money for the club!

Congratulations to the following members of our club who have been selected to represent Taranaki in their age groups....

U14 Rebecca Cole U16 Steven Haami
Amelia Riddick
Adam Beavis

These two teams will compete in the Inter Districts competition on the 31st of Jan/1st of Feb in Shark Alley at Mt Maunganui.

U19 Ashlee Kelly
Emma Crofskey (Manager)

The U19 and Open teams will be competing at Lion Foundation Surf League at Mt Maunganui on Sat/Sun 7th and 8th of Feb.

Open Jaron Mumby (Captain)
Chris Scott
Katie Watts
Paul Cracroft-Wilson
Kent Fraser
Leigh Laurence (Coach)
Brenda Kelly (Manager)

We wish all these athletes good luck and know they will make Fitzroy proud!

Events Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat/Sun 24/25 Jan		NRC's	Mt Maunganui
Wed 28th Jan	6.00pm	Cadets & Rookies	Oakura Beach
Sat/Sun 31 Jan/1 Feb		Interdistricts	Shark Alley
Sun 1st Feb	10.00am	Singapore Airlines	Opunake
Mon 2 nd Feb	6.30pm	Waitangi Day Meeting	Fitz Club Rooms
FRI 6th FEB		WAITANGI DAY BEACH CARNIAL	FITZROY BEACH
Sat/Sun 7/8 Feb		Surf League	Mt Maunganui
Sat/Sun 21/22 Feb		Taranaki Champs	Fitzroy Beach
Fri-Sun 27 Feb – 1 March		Ocean Athletes	Mt Maunganui
Sat 28 th Feb	9.00am	Taranaki IRB Champs	NPOB
Sun 1st March	10.00am	Fitzroy IRB Invitational	Fitzroy Beach



Club Member Profile



Name: Steven Haami
Aka "Sonny Bill"
Age: 16 – 18 when need be

Position in Club: Club Competitor, Board race specialist.

Career Highlights

2007 U14 Taranaki Team
2009 U16 Taranaki Team

How long have you been a member of Fitzroy?

3.5 Years

How did you get into Surf Life Saving:

Long History of family involvement so got roped in to carry on family tradition.

Other interests:

Rugby League, Surfing, Snowboarding, Consuming alcoholic beverages, females (lol) and Nationals piss ups.

Favourite Movie:

Kelloggs Nutri Grain Ironman Series

Favourite Food:

Grandma's lasagne

Last Book Read:

Live Magazine

Favourite Actor/Actress:

Will Smith

Favourite Sport:

Surfing

Best advise given and from whom?

Andrew Cronin "Come train with us!"

Goals for the future:

Pass NCEA level 2
Win a medal at IRB Nationals

Words of wisdom/favourite quote

"If you're not training someone else is..."



COACHES CORNER

Happy New Year from all the Fitzroy Coaches, we hope everyone was still training hard over the Christmas/New Year break!

The senior lifeguards had a great time at their camp up at Tongaporutu on the 9th to the 11th of January. Activities included team IRB events, bridge jumping, mud wrestling and wake boarding as well as a few canoe, ski and board races. Fair to say there were many sore bodies after the quick IRB trip to Mokau on Saturday morning! A few Mokau locals were a bit confused at the arrival of two IRB's with 10 people fully equipped in wetsuits, rescue tubes and flippers. We put their minds at ease that there was no major rescue going on, just an ice-cream run! Special thanks to Jan Crofskey for the loan of her Bach for the weekend as well as to the senior lifeguards who organised the camp, activities and food.

Training is still in full swing. Ron's 9am board sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays have been attracting many keen board paddlers. Emma's Wednesday session at 5.30pm also has large numbers. The efforts of everyone's training were evident in last weekends carnival events with Fitzroy taking out the Boulder Bay trophy for the canoe events at the Fitzroy carnival and the Junior Surf crew taking out 2nd place overall down in Opunake, with some very commendable individual performances. Leigh's sprint training sessions are getting all her beachies fit for the upcoming competitions around the country and the Tuesday night 6pm pool sessions at Highlands are in full swing too. Adams ski sessions have included some long paddles to the port and back. There has been some amazing times posted on our long distance board/ski and swim honours board. Check out the notice board for the top competitors to see if you can beat their times!

We have had a few Fitzroy members selected for Taranaki teams this season:

Keep up all the good training and good luck to those Fitzroy competitors competing in upcoming inter-district and National events.

From the Fitzroy Coaching Team



KONICA MINOLTA





CLUB CAPTAINS CORNER...

Hope everyone had a good Christmas break and are rearing to go for the New Year.

Patrols are going well, with 100% score on the first Inspection. Would like to see a few more people getting replacements if they can't make it though. Having 18 on each Patrol we should defiantly be seeing more

than 10 on guard each day but have been struggling to get there over the holidays. And with all the Carnivals coming please make sure you are trying hard to find someone but if you can't make it, txt your patrol leaders so they know.

Great to see most guards getting out around the buoy and keeping up their surf skills by going for a swim and having pro active Guards talking to our beach users is getting some positive comments So well done TEAM.

Carnivals have had a slow start with numbers slowly building. And now its holidays for a lot of us so there's no excuse for not having a go against the other clubs. We are hosting the Taranaki Champs on February the 22nd & 23rd and we don't want to get kicked on our own beach ...Do we??!! We have got 6 weeks to build up the Team, which is heaps of time, so get out there and get into it. The same could be said for the IRB's. We are the reigning Top NZ Club for the last THREE years....Do we want it again and in doing so, really set some NZ Surf history, or are we going to let it slip out of reach. We've got the gear...just need the Team to unite and get on with the job.

Junior Surf has been going well with more Families joining up. We too are into carnival mode and after winning the 1st one we hoping for a bigger turn out on the 18th at Opunake and show the first one was not a fluke. A BIG thanks too Santa for coming and visiting us, and to all those who helped with the Christmas Raffle. Ocean Athletes is on the horizon and would be great to take all our Cadets and Rookies. Information will be coming out in the near future

Great turn out for the Working Bee. Managed to get a lot done and give the club a bit of a spruce up. Many thanks to all those who pitched in and helped out, your time and effort is very much appreciated

Christmas, New Year and Exams are all gone, Water is warm and summer is here...Its Surf club time.

To all you active Fitzroy members... are we up to the challenge of winning Top Taranaki Club... We missed by one point last year and I'm not in it to be second again...are you.

Will see you at Patrol, at Training or Competing and Helping Junior Surf
Boyd

Junior Surf Xmas Party...



***Surf Life Saving Championships
2009
Gisborne – 13th – 16th March***

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER INTENDING TO TRAVEL TO GISBORNE

Officials intending to stay with the club please fill this in too.

Please complete this urgently and return to Leigh no later than **Friday 13th February**.

Name: _____

Please circle:

Accommodation:

Own Arrangements

Required with Club at Hotel

W/T/F/S nights _____

Transport:

Own Arrangements

Required

If you are taking your own vehicle, please indicate who is traveling with you.

Entries for the 2009 Nationals close on the 25th of Feb, so to ensure you are entered in the correct events please fill in the table across as well.

If you have any questions please contact me!

EVENT	U16	U19	OPENS
Beach Sprint			
Beach Relay			
Beach Flags			
Surf Race			
Run Swim Run			
Surf Teams			
Tube Rescue			
Ski Race			
Ski Relay			
Double Ski Race			
Board Race			
Board Rescue			
Board Relay			
Canoe L/Course			
Canoe S/Course			
Iron Woman			
Iron Man			
Diamond Lady			
Taplin			



SENIOR CLUB CAMP

On Friday the 9th of January a group of Fitzroy Lifeguards ventured up the coast to a small coastal settlement called Tongaporutu; we were there for the weekend on the clubs senior camp. After the short drive from New Plymouth, base camp was quickly set up in front of the Crofskey family Bach, club tent was the sleeping quarters, BBQ on the deck was the cooking facilities, a swaker of pop up chairs around the great plastic meeting table was the lounge and an array of sports toys shared out for everyone to use.

With it being such a great evening the two clubs IRB's were thrown in to the river and it was off for a look around the spectacular Three Sisters. After a short play in the waves in the IRB's it was time to park them up and go for body surf. A good size wave was rolling in around the river mouth which made for some great action as everyone tried to get the longest ride. Two of our young recruits took control of an IRB each and drove the team back up the river to base camp where some very hungry mouths were feed before bed time.

As the sun was rising on Saturday so were we, with a club run out to the three sisters and back over some farm land before breakfast. After a good hearty breakfast we headed off on our next adventure which was to drive the IRB's from base camp to Mokau. This was an epic adventure along a beautiful coast line in a messy old sea. A couple of short pulses were taken to check out some local fisherman on the rocks after 40min or so we made it to what you could say was a very large surf run on the Mokau bar. But we were adventurous so away we went following an 8-10 foot set across the bar. We made our way up the river with waves from the local fisherman who dared not try and cross the bar; feeling like real explorers passing the white baiters huts traveling into some spectacular native bush. With such an epic ocean and river trip it was time for an ice cream and the Mokau diary before the long trip back. You could say there were one or two strange looks as wetsuit wearing people carrying rescue tubes walked in.

On the return to base camp lunch was had before it was time for the main event, team on team mate on mate, in the mighty Tongaporutu River. A series of Taplin relays where held followed by a game of rugby on the mud flats. This proved to be highly entertaining as there seem to be no rules and the game ended up in a mud fight. When everybody was good and muddy it was time for the last activity of the day a little bit of water skiing, well wake boarding and biscuiting for those that couldn't get up on the wake board. This took us late in to the evening and after dinner it was a few camp fire stories and straight to bed to rest the weary bones.

Sunday morning only saw a few bodies surface for the morning run as a few people were a bit sore from the previous day's activities. After breakfast it was back in to the IRB's and down to the beach for a swim. With big surf running and the tide pushing in plus a few seniors getting worked in the heavy swell it was decided to head in to the river for some rescue tube activities behind the IRB's. Once everybody had taken a good drowning and had a few more jumps of the main road bridge it was time to pack up the gear and head back to New Plymouth.

This was a great weekend and if you didn't go you should next year as it was wicked ask anybody that went. Thanks to Jan for letting us use her Bach and to all those that did the baking keep it up, and thanks to everybody that went and made it such a great weekend.

Cheers
Todd

SENIOR CLUB CAMP PHOTOS



Senior Camp Members



Bianca Gous and spectators – Wakeboarding!



Kent, Adam, Marty and Natalie, is it rugby or is mud wrestling!



Kent showing his feminine side!



Kent and Marty – MAN LOVE MOMENT!!



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WAITANGI DAY BEACH CARNIVAL!!!

Plans for this are well underway and we have had a small committee working really hard to ensure that once again our carnival is a huge success and raises plenty of money for the club.

Unfortunately this year Waitangi Day falls on the same weekend as the Lion Foundation Surf League, where we have a number of Fitzroy competitors representing their province. This means we have lost a large number of helpers for our carnival. So we really need everyone to step up and help on this day, and bring your parents too!!!

We also need more donations of bottles for the bottle raffle, so bring your donations down to the club ASAP!!

**Full Club Meeting for Waitangi Day
Monday 2nd Feb at 6.30pm**



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