

HELENSBURGH-STANWELL PARK S.L.S.C.ANNUAL REPORT 1977-1978.OFFICIALS: 1977-1978.

Patron	-	A. McKenzie
President	-	G. Hand
Senior Vice President	-	T. Daintry
Vice Presidents	-	A. McCabe, K. Mills, W. Thompson, D. Ryder, J. Clarke, J. Powell, G. Land, D. O'Brien, J. Thorne.
Club Captain	-	R. White
Vice Captain	-	G. Cook
Secretary	-	I. Kohlhardt
Asst. Secretary	-	H. Dreggorne
Treasurer	-	I. Kohlhardt
Instructors	-	R. White, G. Cook
Asst. Instructors	-	All instructors
Boat Captain	-	G. Wood
Vice Boat Captain	-	M. Ryan
Branch Delegates	-	G. Land, A. Fitzgerald
Publicity Officer	-	G. Hand
General Committee	-	K. King, C. Collins, P. Potter, K. Barry, D. Smith, M. Thompson, M. Fitzgerald, P. Doran, C. Emmett.
Medical Officers	-	Dr. Meates, D. Jordon, D.L. Jones, Dr. Sing.
First Aid Officers	-	D. O'Brien, J. Powell.
Social Committee	-	T. Daintry, R. White, G. Hand, G. Cook, C. Powell, A. McCabe, G. Woods.
Hon. Caretaker	-	A. Prestage
Gear Stewards	-	K. Barry, D. O'Brien, M. Ryan
Carnival Organiser	-	A. Fitzgerald

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MEMBERS:

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Helensburgh-Stanwell Park S.L.S.C. 71st Annual Report. Many things were achieved this past season, the most important being that no lives were lost on our beach during patrol hours again, and thanks must go to all members who turned up for their patrols.

A Rubber Duckie was purchased through Andy McCabe's effort in organising assurance day, and here our club wishes to thank the people of Stanwell Park, Stanwell Tops and Helensburgh who gave so freely on the day and, of course, the Government who made available the Government Gear Grant. It must be reassuring to know that a rescue craft is available should you be unfortunate enough to have to call on it.

Special mention here also must be made of LIVERPOOL CHRYSLER who has donated weekly towards the running costs of the Rubber Duckie.

The Surf Club building has seen a new lease of life again through the efforts of Andy and Terry Daintry plus helpers, with the inside of the clubhouse being painted and a bunkhouse being added, which the Cadets and Juniors have been using to advantage.

New march past costumes have been purchased through the generous donation of J. & B. RODIOS PTY. LTD., Builders of Engadine - thanks very much.

A new surfboat has been ordered and it is expected to be ready for next season, so here's hoping our boat crews get into it and put our name forward next season in many boat races.

On the competitive side the club had a good year with Brett Mitchell's third in the Australian Championship being a great effort - Congratulations Brett and here's hoping lady luck smiles on you next season!

One displeasing item is Saturday patrols have been introduced and our club has voted against them. We have written to the Branch requesting exemption but this was not granted and a solution will have to be found to this problem, as only two members are available to do Saturday patrols.

Through Ian McManus, our local member, discussions have been held on the possibility of a new Surf Club. While this project is only in its infancy, it is hoped that this does become a reality.

Finally, a big 'thank you' to Alex and John McKenzie, Mine Hosts of the Clifton Hotel and all drinkers who supported us over the years. I believe the hotel has changed owners and we all hope that we are supported by the new owner as Alex has done. Alex, we all hope that you find success and happiness in your next venture.

From the above it can be seen that the past season has been one of the most rewarding for a number of years and it is hoped that the trend continues, and my own personal thanks go to all club members who contributed throughout the year, in a large or small way; by acting as a team we can only improve and most importantly, enjoy ourselves as well as serve the community.

SOCIAL:

The Old Members' Annual Re-Union Day was again well attended and our thanks go to the Management and Staff of the Helensburgh Workmen's Club for their continued, generous support. All who attended really enjoyed the day and I feel all the older and younger members

look forward to this once-a-year day. Thanks again Workers' Club!

The Senior Club had its Presentation Night at the Surf Club and was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The club had quite a few social functions throughout the year, with Andy's Harbour Cruise being one of the best and a great financial success for the club - well done Andy!

The Annual Car Rally was well attended and all had a great day, with Ron Turner keeping it in the Volvo family but remember the Ford boys have already started to practise for next year and Greg has promised to help me set the rally so there should be none of the minor complaints of this year.

CARNIVALS AND COMPETITIONS:

This year was a most successful year in the competition arena, with Brett Mitchell's great 3rd in the Australian Championship being a true reward to Brett's dedication to competition. All Carnivals were attended but mainly by the juniors and cadets, with a few seniors participating in the march past team. Special mention here must also be made of Rodger Smith and Lance Morton for their efforts in ski races, and also the cadet relay team and Stephen Clark. Once again Alan Fitzgerald's efforts have been rewarded and the club cannot thank Alan enough for the time and advice given to all competitors in the club. Results are as follows:

First Place Only.

<u>Veteran</u> Point Score	D. McGraw
" Club Champion, Surf	L. Morton
" " " Beach	D. McGraw
<u>Senior</u> Point Score, Surf	M. Thompson
" " " Beach	M. Thompson
" Club Champion, Surf	L. Morton
" " " Belt	No starters.
<u>Junior</u> Point Score, Surf	M. Fitzgerald
" " " Beach	P. Mills
" Club Champion, Surf	M. Fitzgerald
" " " Belt	M. Fitzgerald
<u>Cadets</u> Point Score, Surf	G. McGraw
" " " Beach	G. Little
" Club Champion, Surf	B. Mitchell
" " " Beach	A. Layhe

FINANCE:

Our sincere thanks are again extended to our Patron, Alex McKenzie of the Imperial Hotel and John, for their continued support. Thanks go to our Club President, Greg, for attending most Saturdays to sell tickets; to Liverpool Chrysler for their generous weekly donations towards the running expenses of the Rubber Duckie.

DONATIONS:

We are most appreciative of the following donations throughout the year:

J & B Rodios Pty. Ltd., Frank Krinks, Hal. Williamson,
 F. Ryan, C. Ryder, Ian Melville, N. O'Brien, C. Elder,
 D. Cavanagh, W. Jardine, G. Wardman, B. Webster, J. Lysaghts,
 Mrs. Lee, Mr. Whatmuff, A. McCabe, A. McKenzie.

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ASSURANCE DAY:

This day was well supported by members and Andy's efforts in organising the day was well rewarded with approx. \$1,650 being collected through the generous donations of the people of Stanwell Park, Tops and Helensburgh.

CLUBHOUSE AND GEAR:

The clubhouse has been really given a new lease of life thanks to Andy McCabe and Terry Daintry, who did most of the organising. Also a big thank you to all members who attended the working bees. Donations were received from F. Krinks and Bredan Brown, and the club is extremely grateful for these.

The Workman's Club donated windbreaks and they were put on and frames done up by Skinner Woods. Thanks a lot, Skinner.

RESCUE PATROLS & FIRST AID:

Again many rescues and first aid cases were carried out and thanks again to the patrol members who carried out their allocated patrols.

<u>Membership</u>	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1977-78</u>
Active	48	21	46	42
Active Reserve	10	10	10	8
Cadet	8	12	9	13
Associate	68	90	92	120
Life	13	15	15	16

Rescues for the season totalled 47 so we were rather busy and most of all maintained our record of no lives lost on our beach during patrol hours.

MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings were well attended and we were represented at most Branch Meetings, thanks to Club Delegates G. Land and T. Daintry, and this year in particular, when we really needed good delegates we were fortunate to have them - Thanks boys!

Remember if you take on a Committee position please attend the Committee Meetings as the club needs an active committee to be a success and besides, they are usually fairly congenial, being held in the Workman's Club, to whom we say 'Thanks'.

EXAMINATIONS:

The club owes a big vote of thanks to Bobo White and Graham Cook because as well as being Club Captain and Vice Captain, they put many hours into the boys who were successful in passing their exams.

Congratulations go to the following:

INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATE: Geoff Wood, Mark Thompson.

BRONZE MEDALLION: Rick Dzopalk, Warwick Piper, John Griffiths, Anthony Van Zyl, Colin Doran, Peter Doran, Charles Hegyi, Brett Mitchell, Gary Rankin, Stephen Clarke, Michael Higgins, David Kemp.

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QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE: Gary Doran, Raymond Beacroft.

VALE.

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family and friends of our club members who passed away during the season.

APPRECIATION:

To the Helensburgh Workman's Club for their continuous, generous support both to the Senior Club and to the Juvenile Section of the club.

To the Helensburgh Bowling Club for holding the Annual Era v. Stanwell Park Day and to all who attended and gave so generously.

To the Illawarra Branch go our thanks for their help and guidance throughout the year.

To the patrons of the Clifton Hotel and Alex.

To the Aerial Patrol and Surf Rescues Boat for their vigilance and help when called upon.

To the small group of women who offered their help with our social functions.

CONCLUSION:

It is rumoured that a few of our officers who held positions last season will not be standing for election, so think hard - you could just be the person for the position. If nominated, accept and give it a go! My thanks go to all who helped me personally throughout the year for without you I would have been struggling at times - Thanks again.

Looking forward to an even better year this coming season.

(Ian Kohlhardt)
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

This year was one of great achievement, both on and off the beach. Our beach was once again a very safe place for people to come and swim at, even though a few patrols were a little thin at times.

A BIG THANKS to all the blokes who did do their important patrol duties.

Just remember, all you young blokes, if you don't do your share on the beach and behind the scenes, you won't have a Surf Club. Don't be scared to say 'yes' if offered a position at the Annual General Committee Meeting.

Our financial position has strengthened greatly this year and I hope the same enthusiasm and good ideas are kept alive.

Finally, I hope that the new Club Captain gets as much support as I did from his Vice Captain, as I do not intend to stand again for this position. I am still interested in the Surf Club but I feel that there is a better person for the Captain's job.

Bobo.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

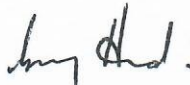
The 1977-78 Season leaves us with another successful year of patrols, a number of individual successes in competition, an enormous result as far as fund-raising is concerned, and a great improvement in our mobile equipment. There is also a fair chance that we may have a new club building in the not too distant future.

However, it is rather unpleasant to have to inform you that our Observation Room was recently broken into and all of our radio equipment was stolen. This now leaves us in a very unfortunate situation with the new season such a short way off.

I will not be standing for re-election for next season, but I do want to express my sincere thanks for all the help given me in getting us through the past twelve months. On the fund-raising side, Andy McCabe, Terry Daintry and Keith Mills showed their initiative and ability to extract those necessary dollars, while administration wise, it must have been a tremendous burden for our Secretary, Ian Kohlhardt. At a time when the Club is so active with competition and fund-raising, the dual tasks of Secretary/Treasurer becomes very time-consuming and I, for one, realise and appreciate the application given to the job by Ian.

My thanks go to all those members who attended to their patrol duties diligently and my congratulations to those who gained awards.

To the incoming officers, I wish you every success and a rewarding season.



Greg. Hand,
President.