

## **RESCUE 2008 GERMANY**

### **BULLI SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB HAS NEW WORLD CHAMPIONS!**

Rescue 2008 in Germany has been run & won. Ocean events were held at Warnemunde in the Baltic Sea & Pool Rescue events were held in Berlin during July/August.

**BULLI TEAM: Downie Langthorne, Michael Locke, Ben Denner, Jamie Caldwell, Ben McCauley, Matt Green, Brittany Sharkey, Penny Locke, Cara Langendam, Hannah Minogue & Erin Rapley. Jamie Caldwell was also Team Manager.**

Our team finished 10th overall in the Inter-club pointscore (111 teams contested these championships).....6th placing as a club from Australia with Northcliffe winning from Elouera. Other clubs placing higher than us included Kurrawa, North Burleigh & Cronulla.

So here is a break-up of the various competitions our team members competed in;

#### **AUSTRALIAN TEAM :**

Cara Langendam & Downie Langthorne were part of the team that won the International Series. Downie competed in 10 events & gained 4 Gold & 2 Bronze (winning the Open Ski event) & Cara competed in 5 events winning 2 Gold & 2 Silver (placing 2nd in both sprint & flags). Great effort by both Downie & Cara who then had to back up after 6 days of competition to compete for Bulli in the inter-club events.

#### **MASTERS COMPETITION:**

Well we have both Penny Locke & Michael Locke as **NEW WORLD CHAMPIONS**. Penny collected 4 Gold medals in her age group (35-39yrs) in the Iron-woman, surf, board & ski. Michael won his age group single ski event (35-39yrs).

Penny also placed 4th in the 2km Beach Run & Michael placed 4th in the board & 7th in the iron-man.

#### **INTER-CLUB COMPETITION:**

**Our team went really well considering it was a blend of Masters, Open & U19 competitors. Team members made 20 finals & won 2 GOLD, 2 SILVER & 1 BRONZE.**

**NEW WORLD CHAMPIONS in the Men's Line Throw (Matt Green & Ben McCauley)**

**NEW WORLD CHAMPIONS in the Men's 4 x 50m Rescue Medley Relay (Ben Denner, Matt Green, Ben McCauley & Downie Langthorne)**

**2nd Open Women's Beach Flags (Cara Langendam)**

**2nd Open Women's Beach Sprint (Cara Langendam)**

**3rd Open Men's 4 x 50m Obstacle Relay (Ben Denner, Downie Langthorne, Ben McCauley & Matt Green)**

**Finals included;**

**Female Beach Relay - 4th (Cara Langendam, Penny Locke, Brittany Sharkey & Hannah Minogue)**

**Female Taplin Relay - 6th (Cara Langendam, Penny Locke, Brittany Sharkey & Hannah Minogue)**

**Simulated Emergency Rescue Event - 6th (Downie Langthorne, Jamie Caldwell, Ben McCauley & Matt Green)**

**Male Single Ski - Downie Langthorne 7th**

**Female Board Rescue (Brittany Sharkey & Hannah Minogue) 7th**

**Male Taplin Relay - 8th (Downie Langthorne, Michael Locke, Jamie Caldwell & Ben McCauley)**

**100m Rescue Medley - Ben McCauley 9th**

**Male Single Ski - Michael Locke 11th**

**200m Female Obstacle - Brittany Sharkey 11th**

**50m Manikin Carry - Ben McCauley 12th**

**50m Manikin Carry - Downie Langthorne 14th**

**Male Board - Matt Green 16th**

**Male Board Rescue (Matt Green & Ben McCauley) 16th**

**Female Board - Hannah Minogue 11th**

**Female Surf - Hannah Minogue 20th**

**Congratulations to the team on an outstanding effort....again making the bigger financial clubs sit up & take notice of a smaller club being so successful in**

**surf/pool events on a world stage.**

**The team was lead by captains Downie Langthorne & Brittany Sharkey and from all reports they have all had a fantastic trip. Thanks to Jamie Caldwell who at late notice acted as touring team manager as well as a competitor in the team.**

**Special mention to Brittany Sharkey who showed great team spirit. Unfortunately Britt came down with a 24hr virus whilst competing in the surf events. She was placed on a 'drip' by the medical staff at the beach & she had to make a decision to compete in one event on this particular day.....she was in the semi final of the iron-woman, final of the surf & final of the beach relay. She opted to do the team event & the girls ran a great race to place 4th. Brittany was a realistic medal chance in the surf race but decided to only run in the beach relay.**

**MORE INFORMATION ON RESCUE 2008 can be found in this month's club newsletter (out soon), SLSA website & the official Rescue 2008 website (interview with Cara whilst competing for the Aussie team).**

**Regards**

**Keith Caldwell**

**President**

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