

# Education Newsletter

## 2011/12 Season

### Endorsed Assessors

After the first in-service workshop for the season, the following assessors are endorsed or awaiting final endorsement reliant upon completing some additional tasks:

First Name	Surname	Club	Bronze	IRB	ARTC
			Assessor	Assessor	Assessor
Phil	Spicer	Pacific Palms	Endorsed	Endorsed	Endorsed
Judy	Spicer	Cape Hawke	Endorsed		Endorsed
Julie	Fowler	Forster	Endorsed		Probationary
Jim	Wills	Forster	Endorsed	Endorsed	Endorsed
Alan	Lamacraft	Cape Hawke	Probationary	Probationary	
Stuart	Small	Pacific Palms	Endorsed	Probationary	Endorsed
Paul	Kremer	Blackhead	Endorsed		
Greg	Irving	Crowdy Head	Probationary		
Peter	Emery	Taree Old-Bar	Probationary	Probationary	

The remainder of the assessor team will need to attend an in-service workshop to become an endorsed assessor (and if sufficient points haven't been accumulated in the last 2 years then they will be classed as probationary and will require mentoring).

At the present time the following in-service workshops are available for assessors:

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, South West Rocks – commences 6:30pm; and
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, venue to be announced (somewhere in Port Macquarie) – commences 10am.

Sometime in late October, an additional in-service workshop will be conducted within the Branch. Date, time and venue will be advised closer to the date.

### IRB Review

Due to the history of injuries that have occurred in association with IRB operations, SLSA has conducted an in depth review of their operation. Education has been identified as one of the key areas in managing future IRB operations. For this season the actions to be implemented by education include:

- **All** IRB Assessors and Trainers [Bronze Trainers should also attend this workshop at some stage as well] to attend a specific IRB Workshop conducted by a nominated SLSA Facilitator (Henry Scruton from Hunter Branch). A workshop has been booked in for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 6pm, venue to be advised.
- Workshop conducted for Bronze Trainers who do not attend IRB Assessor & Trainers workshop. Date and details have not yet been organised for this workshop.
- All Bronze proficiency candidates to complete an IRB Awareness update as part of their proficiency this season – this will be conducted by an endorsed IRB Assessor.
- All IRB Drivers/Crew to participate in an in-depth proficiency that will last several hours that will involve both theory and practical aspects.

## Proficiencies

If a member has not been proficient in an award for 3 years or more, they will be required to sit either an in depth proficiency, complete a full assessment, or even be retrained in the award. Please make contact with the Club Training Officer to initiate discussion with the Branch director of Education regarding what action needs to be taken on a case-by-case basis.

This season, clubs will be coordinating proficiencies utilising the list of endorsed Assessors provided. As a minimum, 2 assessors shall be present at each proficiency with one assessor being external. The Branch Director of Education is to be advised a minimum of two weeks prior to the proficiency of the date and which assessors have committed to attending, the proficiency shall be advertised to all clubs to enable attendance by their members.

Bronze proficiencies require an IRB Assessor to be present to conduct the IRB Awareness component of the proficiency. In addition, the assessment team requires one member to hold a health based Senior First Aid (please contact the Director of Education to clarify who complies with this requirement).

IRB proficiencies due to their nature this season will be limited number and will require several hours of attendance. Candidates will be required to be in attendance for the full period of time that the proficiency runs to be deemed competent.

Proficiencies conducted on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 must have the special approval of the Branch Director of Education.

## Water Safety

SLSA has introduced a new policy that covers Water Safety Requirements. The Water Safety Policy applies for all operations of SLS from training for awards, in club competitions, assessments, training for surf sports, and conducting community events. The policy requires the completion of a risk assessment, appointment of a water safety supervisor, and dictates ratios of water safety personnel to participants.

It is anticipated that training of Bronze and SRC candidates will need to be more proactively managed in future to meet the requirements specified in the policy, including breaking the training squad into smaller sizes for water based elements of the course.

A copy of all risk assessments completed during the training and assessment of an award are to be submitted with the course training report to the Branch Director of Education.

## SurfGuard

Proficiencies must be entered into SurfGuard by 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Proficiencies conducted prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 that are entered on or after 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 will be rejected and the proficiency conducted again in coordination with the Branch Director of Education.

## **Juniors/Nippers**

### **Preliminary Skills Evaluation**

Every junior member is required to participate in this evaluation, conducted by the club, prior to **ANY** junior activity being undertaken each season. The results of the evaluation are to be entered into SurfGuard at the earliest opportunity to record that the assessment has taken place for legal purposes. When submitting the assessment in SurfGuard the name of the assessor who conducted the evaluation needs to be recorded into the comments box.

### **Competition Skills Evaluation**

The assessment must be successfully completed prior to the member being eligible to compete in any event (does not include internal competitions). The results of the evaluation are to be entered into SurfGuard at the earliest opportunity to record that the assessment has taken place for legal purposes. When submitting the assessment in SurfGuard the name of the assessor who conducted the evaluation needs to be recorded into the comments box.

### **Surf Education Awards**

All members are required to gain their respective Surf Education award for their age group prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. These awards are to be entered into SurfGuard prior to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 [When submitting the assessment in SurfGuard the name of the assessor who conducted the evaluation needs to be recorded into the comments box]. Awards entered on or after 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 will be rejected unless prior arrangements have been made with the Branch Director of Education.

### **Club of the Year Competition**

It should be remembered that completion of proficiencies and evaluations in SurfGuard by the dates specified above will assist your club in terms of your club winning the Club of the year competition.