

Perpetual AWARD NOTES

Perpetual awards will be awarded once a year and presented at the end of season presentation. The Junior Activities Committee (Nippers Committee) will determine the recipients of these awards.

The nipper awards are grouped into Improvement Awards and Competitor Awards.

Improvement awards will be awarded based on feedback from AM's and coaches. Objective data will also be used such as carnival results and point score results. The Nippers committee makes the final decision on the recipient in a vote.

Competitor awards will be awarded on objective results from the year from point score and carnivals. The U14 competitors will be considered first in awarding the senior awards as it is recognised this is their last year of competition in nippers. The Nippers committee makes the final decision on the recipient in a vote.

BEC WISEMAN AWARD: VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Becky was one of those people who you could rely on to help out, whether it was at the school or the surf club. Happy to lend a hand in any way that she could, without having an 'official' position, she was a person who just willingly chipped in with everything. This award in her memory is for those who always put their hands up to do the endless tasks that keep Nippers moving along without ever seeking recognition. Their contribution to our local community is invaluable.

MOLLY HOBAN: NEW FAMILY

The Hoban Family Award recognises the new families to ABSLSC, those that get in there amongst it all, and the commitment that they make to Nippers. Molly Hoban started with the club in the 60s, travelling weekly through the season from Auburn with her 8 children – 3 of whom are now recognised as Life Members. The Hoban family are now in their 4th generation as active Avoca members, and truly represent the Avoca spirit. We hope this family go on to have a long association with the club.

IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

CLARKE FAMILY TROPHY: MOST IMPROVED FEMALE BOARD PADDLER

The Clarke family have made an outstanding contribution to ABSLSC over the last three decades. All three Clarke children were exceptional board paddlers throughout the 90s, and were all members of highly successful board relay teams. They are passionate club members both on and off the sand, and their club values have been continued by Garry's leadership of both the Junior and Senior Clubs. We are honoured to be able to recognise their contribution with this award to the most improved Female Board paddler.

CHRIS PARKER TROPHY: MOST IMPROVED MALE BOARD PADDLER

Chris Parker was a stand out competitor throughout the 1990s, excelling as a surf swimmer. Dedicated to training, Chris medalled in the board, swim and ironman events at Branch, State and Inter Branch levels. He was named Water Captain of the NSW Interstate team in his final year as a Nipper. Now as Age Manager of the U13's, he is passing on his skills and knowledge to the next generation of champions.

ANNIE STALLEY TROPHY: MOST IMPROVED FEMALE BEACH COMPETITOR

Annie was a well-respected and successful beach competitor for Avoca Beach SLSC. She won gold in the sprint at both branch and state level and was a member of the Central Coast Branch and NSW State teams.

MARK WALTERS AWARD: MOST IMPROVED MALE BEACH COMPETITOR

Mark Walters was one of our club's most successful beach competitors winning numerous Branch, State, Australian and World Championships in the flags and sprint events – with multiple successes while competing both as a Nipper and Open competitor through the 70's and 80's. Always had a great attitude and was impressive to watch.

JESSICA BARNES MEMORIAL TROPHY: MOST IMPROVED FEMALE SWIMMER

Jess was a talented and successful member of the Avoca Beach Surf Club, competing from 1997 to 2010. Not only winning numerous medals in the ocean and the pool, Jess reflected the values of a dedicated member of the club, encouraging and supporting others to achieve their best.

This award in Jessica's memory is to acknowledge a Nipper who reflects her dedication to striving to achieve their personal best in the ocean, not only as an individual swimmer, but as a member of our Avoca Beach team.

CLYDE HILLSDON TROPHY: MOST IMPROVED MALE SWIMMER

Clyde Hillsdon was a prominent supporter of Avoca Beach Nippers in its early stages. His daughter Gwen Hoban was the secretary of the club throughout a very challenging time when the club was leading the way combining the Nipper and Nipperette programs and her husband Gerry is a Life Member of our club. This Award represents determination and success.

BILL & GRAHAM BUTCHERY TROPHY: FEMALE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

THE AVOCA BUTCHERS HAVE BEEN AN EVER-PRESENT SUPPORTER OF THE SURF CLUB, AND WITHOUT THEIR CONSTANT HELP, WE WOULD BE MUCH POORER IN EVERY SENSE. AT THE TIME BILL ROSE AND GRAHAM WANTED TO ENCOURAGE SOMEONE WHO TRIES HARD, SHOWS WONDERFUL SPIRIT, IS IMPROVING CONSTANTLY AND OVERALL DOES EVERYTHING WITH A SMILE.

JEAN JONES PERPETUAL TROPHY: MALE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

The Jones Family Trophy recognises the outstanding contribution her family has made to ABSLSC at a time when Avoca was leading the way combining the Nipper and Nipperette programs. The Jones family are recognised as the first mother/daughter pairing to receive their Bronze

Medallions on the same day in November 1983. From coaching, to a longstanding club president, to club Life Members and State and Australian Title holders, the Jones family truly represent the dedication involved in supporting development within the club.

COMPETITOR AWARDS

MARK SAINSBURY SURFER OF THE YEAR

This Award is being presented by Greg Thompson on behalf of the family.

Dedicated to the memory of local surfer Mark 'Sanga' Sainsbury. Sanga won the World Amateur title in 1986 and competed on the ASP World Tour. Sanga passed away surfing his local break at Avoca Beach in 1992. He was known for looking at waves in a totally new way.

Surf Life Saving only recently introduced surfing as an event and this Award is aligned to the 2022 NSW Board Riding Championships.

JELFS FAMILY TROPHY: BEACH COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

This award acknowledges the contribution the Jelfs family made to ABSLSC as longstanding members of our Nippers committee, strong beach competitors, avid club fundraisers and a commitment to their Community.

SHARON BRIETY TROPHY: FEMALE JUNIOR COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Sharon Brierty, known to us all as Shaz, has been a member of Avoca beach Nippers since 1971. From 1971-1973 Shaz held her own competing in the boys-only Nippers competition, when women were not allowed to be a part of the surf lifesaving. Her determination, along with the support of some passionate local mums led the way to Avoca Beach developing a Nipperette

program in 1974. Shaz remains a fierce and talented competitor, a woman of the ocean but at all times has put the club and her teammates first. She is a passionate Avoca Beach competitor who truly embodies the Avoca Beach spirit and we are privileged to call her a Life Member of our club.

DANIEL SHADE TROPHY: MALE JUNIOR COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Dan was our most successful Nipper throughout the 1990s, placing at every Branch and State championships throughout his Nipper career. Shadey was a member of the Central Coast Branch team from 1994-1997 and represented NSW at the Inter-State Championships in 1997. Not only was he hugely successful in the water, he always displayed a high level of sportsmanship and put his club and team mates before individual glory. He went on to have a successful career in our senior ranks.

MICHELE DORRELL TROPHY: FEMALE SENIOR COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Michele was a member of ABSLSC until 1983 when she tragically lost her life at 17 years of age. Michele was a talented surf competitor, specialising in the belt swim for our successful R&R teams, never losing a point. We are honoured to have both her parents Bobby and Jan as Life Member of our club and long standing member of our Ladies Auxiliary. Michele was a passionate member of our club and community and will be forever remembered as a true Avoca competitor.

HOWARD JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY: MALE SENIOR COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

In memory of Howard who was a member of Nippers since 1978 until the tragic loss of his life at 24 years. Howard was Age Champion for our surf club every single season and won numerous

Branch and State nipper medals. As a fearless big wave surfer, Howard was the all-round waterman always with a smile on his face. He embodies the true spirit of an Avoca Competitor.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

LEANNE MCAULIFFE PERPETUAL AWARD: NIPPER OF THE YEAR

The McAuliffe family donated this trophy to ABSLSC Nippers for their daughter Leanne who, despite being born with Spina Bifida and as such wheelchair bound, was passionate about our surf club and involved herself in as many ways as possible.

MELANIE THOMPSON TROPHY: NIPPERETTE OF THE YEAR

The Thompson family tragically lost their daughter Melanie at a very young age. They have remained a very active and passionate Avoca Surf Club family with her mother Nola recognised as a Life member of our Ladies Auxilliary. We are honoured to be able to continue her legacy in recognising Melanie and her family with such a prestigious award.

MCCLELLAND FAMILY TROPHY: CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

The McClelland family have been long standing members of Avoca Beach Surf Club. This award is presented to someone who balances performance and attitude. They give back to the club through their actions and are often seen to be helping others before themselves. It is the unsung

hero.