



# LIFESAVING SA

## General manger's message

The last few months have been busy but fruitful. Hang Ten and Homenet came on board as sponsors. Homenet came on board as the official sponsor for the 2007 Homenet Nipper Nationals and we are looking at a potential 2 year relationship with them. Hang Ten has come on board as a sponsor for duty kit. The peak season mayhem has subsided and with the National council meeting ahead the new season looks promising. Through the support of all role-players our voluntary organisation can only move from strength to strength.

## Hero Awards

LSA provided submissions for the 'DEBIS EMERGENCY HERO AWARDS', these awards recognise people who have gone beyond the call of duty the proposals called for nominations of people who have in the face of danger behaved heroically despite all odds. It was decided that Achmat Hassiem would met the criteria and also to honour his heroic efforts.

In an international sphere, Achmat Hassiem and all the names of the False Bay lifeguards. In 2006 a group of very brave voluntary lifeguards assisted in saving the life of Achmat who was put in a life threatening situation after he deterred the attention of a shark away from his brother, all these members were submitted for the Russel and Mountbatten Medal respectively.

The Russel medal was introduced in 2000 by the Royal lifesaving society, the criteria for this medal are that it be awarded to a person 18 years and younger who carried out the most outstanding resuscitation or attempted resuscitation of a person.

The Mountbatten medal was instituted in 1957 and is awarded to the most gallant rescue attempts undertaken. LSA did feel that this incident deserved a nomination for these prestigious awards.

LSA is pleased to report that Achmat Hassiem has been awarded a letter of commendation from the Mount Batten Medal committee in recognition of his efforts.

## Human Rights Day - Gauteng North Style

### Human rights day Gauteng Lifesaving

The day allowed for the youth to recognize and exercise the constitutional right to be educated and informed. Rustenburg hosted a lifesaving demonstration aimed at potential nippers. The event saw 50 nippers, half on which were PDI and exposed them to information on entry requirements, awards structures, competition equipment, events, patrols and equipment usage, although the gala was some fun in the sun for the kids the underlying hint of seriousness was directed at the 'lets enjoy water safety' program.

With the alarming number of pool drownings in a around South Africa any attempt to promote "enjoy water safely" is a number one priority a number one water safety governing body.

Special thanks are extended to Mandy Mcgregor , Charles Quibell and all the organizing committees that made this event possible.

## Success in SA Nationals

2007 saw the 3 nationals, Stillwater Nationals, Homenet Nipper Nationals and Castle SA Champs occur all within the 5 months of 2007.

### 1.Stillwater Nationals

Gauteng North hosted the 2007 Stillwater champs. The event saw a contingency of 370 competitors, of which saw an improved number of PDI's , 70 participating in the event. The event saw many noteworthy events among them 11 new SA records were set.

### 2.2007 Homenet Nipper Nationals

Saw the introduction of Homenet Real Estate Agents as a new sponsor. Over 600 competitors between the ages of 8-14 participated at King's Beach , PE. The event was a resounding success. Congratulations are extended to Durban surf for collective win of the title.

### 3.Castle Lager SA Champs

This years SA Champs was hosted by East London Surf on Nahoon Beach, East London. East London Surf last hosted champs in 1976 And the event was pulled together wonderfully and also saw the introduction of Hang Ten to the lifesaving family.

This years champs saw Fish Hoek gain the title along with the bragging rights a year.

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**CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO OUR 2007 TARGET NATIONAL TEAMS WHO WERE SELECTED AFTER STILLWATER NATIONALS AND SURF NATIONALS**

**STILLWATER SQUADS**

Ladies

Natassja Alexander, Jade Antunes, Sarah Ballie, Jayne Broderick, Tanita Cronje, Marettie Du Plessis, Melios Greef, Natalie Joubert, Samantha Plumb, Carla Roussouw, Kim Van Deventer

Men

Werner Bosman, Ryan Brennan, Paul Dias, Shaun Dias, Craig Dingle, Mark Dingle, Brian Keevey, Sibussio Khoza, Armand Marais, Robin Siggers, Barjo Van Niekerk, Wesley Wesso

**Training and development**

Ladies

Tauhnee Coetzee, Amy-Lee Davids, Caro Faure, Allysia Human, Zenobia Mans, Tamzin McGee, Lizette Peters, Erin Phillips, Guinevere Rogers, Jenny Siggers, Caley Van Hoeslin, Hesmar Venter.

Men

Ulrich Alexander, Nelson de Carvalho, Jacques de Villiers, Ryan Eckermans, Gustav Gropp, Clayton Gossman, Stewart Hall, Malcolm Hunter, Byron Johnson, Avinash Kalichuran, Thomas Khumalo, Karabo Mapaila, Wiseman Ndlovu, Enoch Nyathi, Renier Oosthuisen, Boy Boy Rasekoai, Bongani Shandu, Coenie Van Graan, Riaan Van Graan, Steve Viviers.

Surf target squads

Ladies

Kendal Alford loots, Kim Brugman, Eloise van Gyssen, Chantal Godfrey, Mandy Maritz, Tiffany Kruger, Kendal Artz, Jade Antunes, Fay Cowie

Men

Jasper Mocke, Luke Nisbett, Donald Brierley, Shaun Dias, Stix Mthyane, Wayne Holroyd, Blane Wood, Jono Webb, Gareth Fowler, Steve Woods, Ryan Brennan

**Training and Development**

Ladies

Kerry Anderson, Ashley Howard, Nicole O'Discoll, Gonda Goulooze, Samantha Badman, Tamara Thomas, Heather Whitehorn, Shelly Faulman, Erin Phillips, Gabi Bombardeiri, Ondine Julyan

Men

Matthew Tebbut, Adam Nisbett, Jayden Alfred Loots, Heinrich Dahms, Evan Engelbrecht, Brad Hamilton, Gareth Dias, Ryle De Morney, Luke Hindmarch

**PDI DEVELOPMENT**

Many thanks to John Connolly of the Irish Lifesaving Foundation for the donation made to the lifeguard training project in Soweto. These funds have facilitated the training of young men and women in this area and subsequently they have found jobs as paid lifeguards.

**Big things ahead for the Big Bay members.**

Big Bay were able to build a world-class facility in the form of a club house, despite the monumental project were still able to continue with all voluntary duties. The clubhouse was opened on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and present at the unveiling were the deputy mayor, Charlotte Williams.

Big Bay also hosted the Robben Island swim challenge where 18 swimmers went through grueling heavy surf and enjoyed the presence of Mayor Helen Ziller who expressed her thanks and appreciation to the IRB crew and lifeguards who assisted the swimmers in their pursuit. The swimmers were comforted with a hot shower to soothe their chilled bodies in their new club house.

Back row Left to Right) Willie Jansen: Chairman BBSLC, Anton Mulh: President BBSLC, Jason Frazer: Lifeguard, Gavin Frazer: Lifeguard.

(Front row Left to Right) John Fourie: Lifeguard, Mayor Helen Zille: CoCT, Derrick Frazer: Snr Lifeguard/IRB Crew and Debbie Frazer: Snr Lifeguard



### A Tribute to Castle Lager

LSA would like to thank Castle Lager for their 29 years of dedicated support towards the voluntary lifesaving movement. They have assisted and supported LSA in keeping our beaches a safe and a drown free zone.

We thank them for providing us with financial support over the many years which helped cover all operating costs for the SA Champs and SAB Schools. As Castle shifts its strategic attention to other sporting codes, we wish them all the successes in their future endeavours.



### New Sponsorships

Homenet Real estate has been making the home Ownership dreams of South African families a reality since 1991. As a network of 147 independent Agencies throughout South Africa, Homenet prides itself in providing professional, friendly service to home buyers and sellers.

As a company that strongly identifies with family values and a healthy South African lifestyle, Homenet Real estate is proud to have taken up sponsorship of Nippers . It is so refreshing to see South Africa's youth embracing exercise, healthy living and time spent in the great outdoors as part of The daily routine

Homenet was very excited to be part of the Nipper Nationals 2007 in PE this year, and would like to congratulate all who took to the sand and the waves in this fantastic event.

### 2. Hang Ten

The internationally successful Hang Ten brand was founded in 1960. Being a brand which encompasses all that is Healthy, outdoor lifestyles for the youth of today, there is a clear strategic fit between the brand values of Hang Ten and lifesaving. Hang Ten is proud to be associated with youth that are socially responsible and caring icons. Hang Ten launched it's relationship with lifesaving at the SA Champs in April this year and we look forward to a long and harmonious relationship

### Water Safety conference

With drowning being one of the highest causes of fatalities in SA amongst children and the majority of our population not being able to swim, water safety is at the heart of Lifesaving South Africa's core practice.

Our president Dhaya Sewduth has driven a number of advocacies to try and get government support for the convening of a national workshop on water safety.

These negotiations are in the advanced stages.

The annual CMC (Commonwealth Lifesaving Management Council) meeting takes place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 07. This meeting is being hosted by the SA High commission in London, Dr Linda Mabuza at the SA house in Trafalgar. The meeting will be presided over by the president of the commonwealth lifesaving, HRH, Prince Charles. In attendance will also be the high commissioners of UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

This will be attended By Dhaya Sewduth (President-LSA) John Julian (Vice-president) and IMB member Jelle Meintsma.

### World water safety conference

This event will take place in Portugal from the 27-29 September 2007. The conference is billed as a very significant event as there is high powered participation from the UN as well as ILS member's nations world-wide.

The president has made a submission to the conference committee to present an oral research paper on drowning and water safety in SA.

Financial assistance has also been requested for the attendance of our Board members.

A Special thank you is extended to our Partners

