



October 2010 President's Message

We had our first general meeting at Yogi's in September. I must report that Erick at Yogi's put out a great spread and was very hospitable. Yogi's was gracious and welcoming in every way making for pleasant evening. The atmosphere is great for socializing, which was evident from all the interaction among the members, but made conducting business a little difficult. In the future we have to make an effort to keep the conversations down while speakers are addressing the membership. There is no problem with stepping out of the room to conduct your side conversations. There is plenty of room for both activities to take pace. I look forward to our next meeting at Yogi's, and don't forget to tip!

September was a busy month. The Blind Surf event was a great success. Thanks to all the SSA members that supported the event. A special thank you goes out to Bruce King, Larry Graff, and Pat Webber for their efforts, time and dedication to the Blind Surf Program. The Blind Surf Program is very worthwhile, and for those who spend a day in the water helping people less fortunate, it is a rewarding experience. I know the experience touches our members, each in their own way. Once you have participated in this program, you will definitely be touched at some level. Thanks to everyone that helped out, I hope you enjoyed it. Please recruit others to join us next year.

The SSA continued to support the Wounded Warrior/Jimmy Miller Foundation event this September. I personally want to thank all our members that helped out with this program. I have checked the schedule for October and there are no dates listed. If you wish to continue to participate in this program, you can find updates on their activities by logging on to the Jimmy Miller Foundation web site.

The October general meeting will be at Yogi's Bar and Grill located on HWY 101, just south of Cardiff Reef. Parking is available at Yogi's and next door at the Plastico Building. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Yogi's has been a SSA sponsor for several years and we are thankful to them for offering their business to us, free of charge, to hold our general meetings. Did I say, don't forget to tip?

Swami's towels are in and will be available at the October meeting for \$25.00. We only have 24 towels so if you want or need them for Christmas get them soon, they go pretty fast. We are in the process of ordering more sweatshirts and pants. We have a partial order and need to add only six more items to meet our minimum order requirement. As soon as we hit that magic number, the current order will go in. Dave Jones is handling the orders and has asked for those that have placed an order to bring you cash or checks to the meeting. If you want to have your sweatshirt and or pants by Christmas you need to get your order in and paid for very soon.

You may or may have not heard that our Event Coordinator, Otis Sistrunk attempted to organize a surf contest on behalf of Swami's. It was very short notice and the board worked with Otis to host our annual surf contest. Unfortunately the board was unable to arrive at an arrangement to secure the required funding prior to the contest. A notice was distributed to the SSA membership and the members of the Coalition of Surf Clubs announcing the SSA would not be hosting a surf contest this year. It is the intention of the board to press this coming year to have a surf contest in 2011. All SSA members will be tasked with helping to make it happen in 2011. We will need sponsors, so keep your eyes and ears open for those that wish to assist the SSA with our contest.

That being said, anyone that knows Otis knows that organizing a surf contest is his passion. Otis was determined to have a contest this year and he was able to enlist the support of the Pacific Beach Surf Club. The latest word is the PB Surf Club will be hosting a contest at Tourmaline Beach on October 16 and 17. If you are interested in surfing in this contest contact Otis for the details. The SSA supports the PB Surf Club, we wish them good surf and the best of luck having a fun and successful contest.

DUES will be coming due very soon. Our piggy-bank is very light and needs to be fattened up! Your Treasurer, Roger Collins will be accepting dues for 2011 beginning this month. Please take the time to pay your dues, the club cannot survive without them. Our goal this year is to have dues paid on time or before, no late dues this year!!!! Common you guys, we can make it happen!

November we will be voting for board members. If you are interested in becoming a board member please review the titles and job duties of each of the board member positions, or just ask a current board member. Each board position is available. Nominations will be accepted at the October and November meetings. Voting on nominees will be conducted at the November meeting. Results will be announced at the Swami's Christmas party. New board members will begin their term of office in February. I ask each member to please participate in this process. Do not think you are too new to be a board member, if you are interested your talents will be put to good use. Please participate in this process, your involvement determines the success of our club.

Our annual Christmas party is just around the corner, we have reserved the Elks Lodge for Saturday, December 11th. We have agreed to join with the Oceanside Longboard Club to celebrate this year. We are working with to O-Side club on the details. More information will be provided at the November meeting.

If you know of a good prospective member and the cost of dues is an issue, please contact any board member with the information. The board will assist and work with that potential member so he/she can meet the dues requirement.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting. Bring a friend and have some fun!

Our November general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at Yogi's Bar and Grill. I hope everyone can make it.

Stay safe and surf well.

Mike

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