



## February 2011 President's Message – Bruce King

### Message to the Club

Well howdy to all you surfies out there, at the Swamp (Swamis) and Cardiff. Most of you probably don't know me, but if you happen to surf the point now and then, you have more than likely seen me at the peak eating humble pie. It feels good to be back in action with the club after a 9 year or so layoff; another resurrection from the Dead Presidents Society. This year should be a good one as long as everybody helps. 1st I would like to offer Mike Coleman and all of last year's board members a big heart filled thanks for all their efforts and accomplishments over the last year. Thank you very much for carrying the torch.

A few words about the SSA, it started in 1964 as a competition and fun club, kinda faded in the early 50's and was resurrected in 1982 (formally in 1983) since then, Swami's Surfing Association has had some long history of traditions and triumphs environmental, community and surf related. The Clean Ocean Surf contests started by Richard McManus, with the help of Swamis (SSA), we were able to keep Secondary sewage treatment contained to the three north county outfalls. Thanks to Richards' actions and the (SSA), Cardiff Reef changed from being know as the sewer hole to a state park; One of few such victories on the west coast of California maybe the United States. Now it is the standard in California.

The effect S.S.A. had on the stairs at Swamis was huge; three reviews were made looking at the tides, bluff erosion, design and the effect on the parking. We had a lot of really good input and people listened such as the city council and the construction company who got the bid. Our input was right on the money. Because of that we have what the stairs are today.

The Blind Surf which would not have taken place without Swamis Surfing Association, the first and best blind surf in the world, for 16 years or so now.

The Coalition of Surf Clubs, which Swami's is a founding member, was a major influence on the structure and quality of judging (Ride Quality Recorders) in major club contests up and down the coast of California.

Not too bad for a bunch of Surf Bums. Shoot, I think we should keep it up! See you at the meeting Tuesday night at 7:00. Please bring the check book to pay your dues if you can.

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