



Swami's
SURFING • ASSOCIATION

Newsletter
Aug 2003

Malibu Contest



Tom English enjoyed the epic conitions at the Malibu Board Riders Contest

Come to the Surf Club meeting
See friends, eat pizza, Win fabulous prizes
Tuesday Aug 12th 7:00 p.m.



Teamwork

Monthly Letter from Gary Baum, Pres

Summer has kicked in big time. Warm water, epic waves. Ya now! The Old Time Classic at the Reef was a blast, and the English's once again had a great party. There were many of the local types, both club members and others that regularly surf the Swamp. A great time was had by all.

In case you missed the last general meeting, Sunny Garcia spoke to the club about his experiences with the pro tour, WB tv shows, and life in general. Sunny even came equipped with shirts and stickers for the kids. It was nice to see a professional surfer and former world champ take the time to share with the club his time. We will be putting up for a vote the issue of receiving an honorary membership into the club at the next general meeting. This is an important issue and all should attend that have the time.

Meanwhile on the political front, the City of Encinitas has sent me info regarding the plans for the stairs at Beacons. I will share it with you at the meeting.

Also, a new lifeguard tower is planned for Swami's. We will have some input on that. Lastly, it appears that Encinitas will honor Syrus with a plaque opposite Spider-mans (David Anear) on the stairway. Both of these gentleman were close to me, as Spider brought me into the club, and along with Syrus are two of the greatest ambassadors for Swami's. See you all on August 12th.

Gary Baum, prez.

Malibu Surf Shots



Drew Woodworth



Steve Clark surfed the perfect waves with great style

COMPETITION NEWS

Swami's Surfing Assc. had a great team effort this year in Malibu. Our Juniors Richie Cravey and Drew Woodworth made the finals, as did Skyer who surfed well. Our paddle team finished 5th (We beat Wind n Sea). Congratulations to all. Otis Sistrunk and Mike Emerson will be taking over the competition directors duties for the rest of the year. Oceanside contest is coming up. Don't miss it.

Aloha, Tom English

CONTEST SCHEDULE 2003

AUGUST 23rd Oceanside Contest
Rabbit Kekai 11th Annual, Costa Rica

SEPTEMBER

6-7 Malibu Surfing Assoc. "MSA Classic" 19th Annual
Surf Fest Challenge, Long Beach Surf Club

California St., Ventura Longboard Championships
September 13 & 14, 2003 - Surfers Point Park, Ventura, California
a benefit for Stanley's Reef Foundation
Contact: Betty Elder 805-644-2678 - Email: bird1@jetlink.net

OCTOBER

Swami's, Cardiff Reef
Capitola 7th Annual "Women's Longboard Fest"
Roxy Wahine Classic, Old Man's Surf Beach, San Onofre 949-496-8611

NOVEMBER

28-30 - Wind n Sea "SAN MIGUEL " Invitational



Way to go Drew Woodworth
and Richie Cravey for making
the Finals at Malibu



Skyler McFerren looking good in the finals



Richie Cravey

Surf adventures in Sumba By Bob Hoff



This is the story of part of my second trip to Indonesia. It starts on the Island of Sumba where I have gone to meet up with my friend Peter who is about to have his child baptized. His wife is the daughter of a local king on Sumba.

Wow! We arrived at Marta's house last night. Her dad is a local King for the community, no electricity, kerosene lamp. I am the guest of honor and got introduced to about 20 people. The house is all hardwood with a thatched roof. All made without nails. It is dark inside and we eat very late. It was good, vegetables, rice, chicken. This is a warrior tribe, spears, machetes and such. In the morning climbed in the back of a one ton cattle truck to go to the beach, a 2 hr. drive. I thought it was to be just Peter, Marta, baby and me, then the whole family climbed aboard, about 15 people and off we go. This is National Geographic Live! When we get to the beach, we gave offerings at the graves of Marta's Grandfather. The dwellings are beautiful 30'+ thatched dwellings in groups of 6- 10 buildings. The surf looked really good and huge. Unfortunately, we did not know where to surf and began in a ferocious rip which I promptly came in from and then the wind began to blow. All the relatives were lined up to see the surf session that didn't happen. Later, I walked down past the estuary, about ½ mile and saw the most beautiful left point, no rips and huge with a good shoulder into sand. I walked these wide open beaches with nothing but locals, most of which don't even speak Indonesian, quite an experience. Without the truck, this is 18 century, rural living, pigs, chickens, goats, horses and a climate like dry, northern Costa Rica.

7/2 Wed. On the flight returning to Bali from Sumba. Nothing like a third world airplane whose air conditioning doesn't function very well to keep up your interest. Absolutely beautiful green water upon take-off. It is hard to believe there is a place so unspoiled as this land; a definite down side is the need to know the language. Very few speak English well enough for me to understand. The flight back was much easier, not crowded, but they got me for an extra \$20 for over-weight. It might be the textiles I bought, but I don't think I had 20 kg of textiles! It was a unique experience to have seen the ceremonial killing of the pig for Peter and Marta's baptism ceremony for the baby. All the relatives and friends were gathered together at the house,. Most everyone had red-stained lips from the beetle nut being distributed by Marta's father. After some good laughs about one of the ancient patriarchs going with me to California, I was invited to join a small group, which rapidly became larger, in playing volleyball, Indonesian style (You can kick the ball as in soccer.). I think my team won. I definitely had a height advantage. I think they stacked the other team against us. The other team didn't seem too happy at our winning. Oh, well, I didn't pick the teams.

An interesting story about, Marta's father, the King. Marta was working in a Chinese restaurant in Wangapu, the Chinese own everything that doesn't belong to the Suharto Family. This was also where Marta and Peter first met. Marta told the man she was going to quit in two days and wanted her pay for the previous three months. The Chinaman said No, you must finish working the month or I won't pay you. He owed Marta about 300,000 rupiah. Marta said fine, then don't pay me, but I am leaving. She went home to visit her family, a five hour drive by car before leaving for Kupang on Timor. She told her dad how the Chinaman treated her. Not long after, the "loving father" visited the Chinaman with two of his warriors. With machetes drawn, they informed him that he was to pay the money due Marta. The Chinaman said he would call the police. The "King" calmly told him he would do it without the one good eye he had left. Marta's father left with the money and the Chinaman still can see. This is the man whose honored guest I was for three days.

From here I returned to Bali and surfed good Temples at Uluwatu for a couple of days, then off to G-land on the tip of Java. Due to the Bali Bomb, there are much fewer tourists in Bali these days and likewise the surf is much less crowded. At G-land, there was never more than 10 people out and many opportunities for solo surf sessions during meal times. As always G-land was intense and overhead barrels. Broke out of the \$6 a night rooms to go for pool, hot shower, air conditioning, tv, etc. for \$20 a night. Shopped until I dropped and then that LONG flight home.



Alex Knost was a standout at Malibu

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Skyler McFerren

Give Away Corner

You don't want to miss this month's goodies!! Yeah! Check it....

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9.	Da Club	New Swamis T-Shirt	Priceless
10.	Aloe Up	Sun Block Kit	<u>\$19.95</u>
			\$225.65

We will have killer pizza & sodas etc. @ the meeting. Combo and veggie pizza \$2.00 a slice. Pizza Port rocks! Cheese & Pepperoni \$1.00 a slice. All sodas & Beers will be \$1.00 a can!! See ya @ the meeting.

Cheers,

Marc

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