



*Swami's*  
SURFING • ASSOCIATION

Newsletter  
July 2004



Tommy and Tom English enjoying the annual Fathers Day Contest

Come to the Surf Club meeting  
See friends, eat pizza, Win fabulous prizes  
Tuesday July 13th 7:00 p.m.



The Swamis Surfing Association at last years Surf with the sight impaired.

#### Monthly Letter from Gary Baum, Pres

Summer is here! The solstice hit and still no sign of sun or surf. I am writing this article with rumors of a south swell about to hit. Time to surf the "other" spots, i.e., Tabletops (still have a scar from hitting that reef in 1973), Seaside, Terramar, O'Side, Trestles, etc. Meanwhile, my son **Jeremy** has been nailing Corbina at Swami's and Ponto. If I never have to clean or eat another one again I'll be stoked. The ocean is alive, and always seems to be the center of our world.

Congratulations to **Shaun Tomson**, who was voted in as an Honorary Member. Hey Shaun, I guess you will be riding a longboard for us at the next contest!

It was good to see **Bruce King** at our last meeting. Bruce has been laying low for awhile now, but I know his heart and mind is still with The Club. If you have not seen the memorial to **Syrus** at the north end of the lot, check it out. It is very touching. Also, the **Gary Taylor** memorial will soon be in place. Two soul surfers watching over the point.

I hope to see a large turnout at the next meeting-July 13th. Tom will bring his video machine and we will be able to see the video of Jan 7 '03. It is EPIC. Hopefully Pat will bring Sushi (hint).

**Otis** is recovering nicely from his recent neck surgery. Good thing, as we need him as our contest director and comp director. Congrats to **Mike Chase** as our newly appointed secretary.

See ya in the water. Gary Baum, prez.



Richie Cravey won the NSSA Interscholastic National Championship High School Longboard Division at Salt Creek for 2004. We are very proud of him.

ISF Middle School Final Rankings: 1st Alexa Dilley, 4th Chris Cravey

La Costa Canyon Longboard Champion is Drew Woodworth

San Dieguito Academy Rankings: Kristie O'Riley Longboard Champion Womens also 2nd ISF Kathryn O'Riley 2nd place shortboard, 4th longboard.

Richie Cravey Longboard Champion also ISF 2nd place.

Evan Crabtree 4th place Longboard.

Saturday July 17 and Sunday July 18th West Coast Team Longboard Championship & San Clemente Air Show \$2,600 PRIZE MONEY for these two events.

4 person team 1 junior (17 & under)

& 1 female competitor to be eligible. Entry \$200 per team PRIZE MONEY for top 3 teams.

AIR SHOW shortboards only - judging based on getting air and landing it. Winner takes all PRIZE MONEY

Sunday July 18th at SAN CLEMENTE PIER

Kids Classic surf contest - Event open to every one 14 and under. Surfboards must be 3 feet over contestants head. Entry \$40 Prizes for top 6 in each division. DIVISIONS open 8 & under, boys 9-10, boys 11-12, boys 13-14, girls 11 to 14, girls 10 and under.

All entrants will receive SCOF t-shirt and rash guard.



Nicaragua "Nica" perfection

The Nica Way by Shawn MacNabb see the whole story at [www.allabouts surf.com](http://www.allabouts surf.com)

As with most of my trips lately, this one had more to it than just surf. This particular trip had a three-pronged purpose. First off was to check on my casita (house) in the once sleepy village of Tamarindo Costa Rica. (The same place that now sports more surf schools per capita than anywhere in the known world!) Second was to put the remaining ashes of our old friend **GT** in the ground of a place he loved to frequent. We mixed him into the fertile volcanic earth around the roots of a lime tree, whose fruit we can enjoy for years to come. Lastly we had arranged a side trip to the emerging surf destination of Nicaragua, and that's where the story begins...

The rigs were loaded and provisions were bought in the town of Liberia. From there it was a short 45-minute drive to the border and then the fun begins! We had arranged to meet our "paper handler" at the border after we cleared C.R. customs. Luckily we beat the big tourist bus next to us or the line would have been a nightmare at that time of the day. We met our "handler" on the Nica side and to our surprise "Lucho" was a cartooned faced 12 year old! He was very efficient at getting us through the hassle of bringing in a private Costa Rican car; rental cars are not allowed to cross from Costa. Cheap liquor was bought, fees paid, and of course the mystery insect spray down of the vehicle was done. Lucho got his cut and we were on our way to Rivas to check the surf!

We had arrived at the gate of Dos Perros and having Dr. Bruce with us paid off. Without his recent purchase we would have been denied entrance. As with more and more places here Real estate speculators are buying big chunks of coast and fencing them off. We all posed as investors and got the royal treatment! Guesthouse, pool, kitchen (including 2 cooks) all to ourselves for 2 nights!! Not to mention the river mouth and reef break that lie within the half mile of beachfront on this beautiful ranch. The kids went for the pool and we had a go at the reef break. A small but fun right-hander was reforming after hitting the outer reef. With 30 to 40 mph gusts the waves looked beautiful, but there was a downside. With constant off shores the warm upper waters here are buffeted away leaving the ocean a nippy 68 degrees! Having some experience with northern Costa Rican water this time of year we had come prepared with our sleeves. But our C.R. transplant buddies were freezing!

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## Schedule - 2004 Coalition Tournament of Events

July 24-25 Boardriders, Malibu "Call to the Wall" 13th Annual 1st Point, Malibu  
August 27-29 Oceanside Longboard Surf Club Longboard Contest 20th Annual Oceanside  
September 9-11th & 12th Malibu Surfing Assoc. "MSA Classic" 18th Annual 1st Point, Malibu  
October 9-10 Swami's Cardiff Reef  
November 26-28 Wind n Sea "SAN MIGUEL " Invitational San Miguel, Mexico

### Other Events

**July 10th Swami's Olde Time Classic Cardiff Reef /14th Annual Pong Party English's house**  
July TBA USA Noseriding Championship Surfrider Beach, Malibu



Guy Takayama/OLSC's Pro-noseriding event will be conducted all on Friday (August 27) We have changed the Noseriding Contest this year which will undoubtedly benefit the older guys in our Open Division.

First, we have an Open Division which will have a total of 64 entrants and a \$10,000 purse which will be divided among the top 8 finishers. The change this year is that we are dividing the 64 surfers into 2 separate age divisions of 32 surfers. 34 and "younger" and 35 and "older". Your age for the contest is decided by how old you are on August 27, 2004. Because this is for money and we do not want any problems, if you even appear to look as if you are between 30-40 years of age, we are requesting you have with you at check-in a drivers license, birth certificate or passport for proof of age.

OK, now for how this new format benefits the "older" group. Each age group (34 and under; 35 and older) competes only against its own until each has its' top four contestants out of the 32 surfers. Then for the two semifinal heats, two "old guys" will surf against two young or "younger" guys in each heat for the trip to the Finals. As you can see, four "old guys" will definitely be receiving money and after that they are on their own to see if they can fight their way into the finals. This eliminates the necessity of breaking some 14 year old-120 pound kid's leg in the parking lot to ensure advancement in your heat! You breathe easier and all the 120 pounders get to breathe easier as well, at least until the semi-finals.



Central American empty waves

The day after that we searched out our next place of residence. We had pre-booked a Cliffside house in yet another gated community. With our own food and a 2 night minimum the 150\$ price tag was a fair deal split between the 5 of us. The bonus was it sat right above a beautiful left point break. Although the urchin covered reef needed more swell, the wave still peeled machine like across the volcanic shelf. Another gem of a wave we found that night in the corner of the adjacent beach- break on the boarder of the private property. This wave would bounce off the rocks then jack into a perfect peak. The left could be back-doored on takeoff, providing an automatic barrel. An equally rewarding right was thumping towards it further down the beach. And all this over a nice sand bottom.

Once again the relentless off shores ripped the tops off, making for sketchy drops on the bigger ones. On the beach the comparisons showed again as a group of about 8 Nica surfers began to congregate around the cars. Intimidating at first, the guys turned out to be very friendly but curious. A couple guys surfed quite well even though the 8 were sharing just 3 boards in different stages of ill repair. One guy returned to the beach with a broken fin, and while checking it out we realized he had hand made them out of a very large PVC pipe. The work he had put in was amazing, even though they did have extreme flex and a bit of a curve to them!

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Christy English and Alexa Dilley(1st Place) surfed great at the Moonlight Beach Fathers day

# Give Away Corner

You don t want to miss this month s goodies!! Yeah! Check it....

			Value
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9.	Da Club	New Swamis T-Shirt	Priceless
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			\$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



The wind played havoc with the smaller waves. Not to mention cooling the water to a brisk temp that required a bit of rubber. **Shawn MacNabb** sliding into a fun one.

While driving towards the village on a horrid dirt road we saw a procession of about 40 people coming towards us. We pulled off to let them pass. It was a huge blond guy dressed in coat and tie, his Nica bride at his side in gown and veil followed by what amounted to half the town. All were tromping down a windblown dusty dirt road in the middle of nowhere! We gave our felicitaciones and he thanked us in English with a heavy German accent. But his shy smile gave away the " what have I done" look on his face as he realized he had married not just the girl, but also the whole town! Later after finding warm beer and no ice we passed the reception at a modest house near the river. The blond head stood out way above the crowd as they toasted the new couple. A huge turkey strutted across the road in front of us as we bumped back towards the beach break and high- tide barrels.

We woke early the next morning and the left at La Esquina was bigger than before. Everyone was getting good long barrels. The swell hadn't fully materialized but the surf had been fun and the potential was enticing. There was a good feel to Nicaragua, one I feel in Baja with the fishermen and have felt in Costa in years past. Hopefully the Nicas will learn lessons from their neighbors to the south. The people are poor but hard working and don't seem to want a hand out, only a hand.

That afternoon heading south to the border we wondered if young Lucho would find us there. Sure enough, before we even reached the border a young man in the blue and white uniform of a schoolboy was waving us down. We nearly blew past him, suddenly realizing it was Lucho ready to go to work helping walk us through the border. Even though it's a simpler process on the way back we couldn't deny the young mans willingness to make a buck. The boy was the future of tourism in Nicaragua.

My buddy Jim and I walked up my path clutching a bottle of Nica rum that would have cost 3 times as much in Tamarindo. We eyed the newly planted lime tree strengthened by the ashes of our friend, and I thought "Man, I wish that tree had fruit on it". As I cracked the bottle and Jim set about making us a nice Rum and Coke

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