Swami's SURFING · ASSOCIATION

Newsletter
June 2005

Pat Weber loves the smell of this new wax... bubble gum or coconut?
Photo by Scott Allen

Come to the Surf Club Meeting...
see a Surf Movie Premiere...
eat pizza, win fabulous prizes...
Tuesday June 14th 7:00 p.m

Tom Checking the Water Temp at the Lane - Photo by Matt

Presidents letter by Tom English

I want to thank the Santa Cruz club for hosting a great event over the Memorial Day weekend. The surf was small Saturday, but it picked up to 3-4 feet on Sunday. By the time the finals rolled around there were consistent waves.

All 6 competitors in my Masters final caught the maximum 5 waves and had to paddle in. I was left sitting outside on the point by myself, free to surf my last wave while the other guys watched from the cliff.

The Swamis Surfing Association surfed well. Richie Cravey, Dave "Woody" Woodworth, Patrick Giles, Fred Branger and Valerie were also tops in their divisions. We also won the paddle relay race. Way to go Swamis!

I will be showing the world premiere of video clips from Sea Level Pressure at the June meeting. This is the surf movie that Ty Ponder, Scott Bass, and I made that explores the Surfer's Paradox: Surfing is great, but crowds suck.

I am looking forward to a fun filled Summer.

I'm off to surf my 12 foot board "Hoe Nalu" style.

Aloha,
Tom English, President

Above - Patrick Giles in the process of winning another heat - photo by Matt with Scott 's Camera

Below - Drew Woodward cruising thru another section - photo by Scott Allen

Letter from the Editor

I can't believe that May has already come and gone.

In May I went down to Cabo, and besides getting some fun head-high warm-water-wedges, I also bumped into Steve Clark, Terry Sims, Bing Copeland and a bunch of other people from our neck of the woods. I hear that Mark and John from Encinitas Surfboards were also down there around the same time.

After coming home from Cabo, I had 2 hours to unpack, shower, and pack up again to drive up to Santa Cruz with Scott Allen. It's a good thing he was driving, because I slept most of the way.

The surf at the Lane was pretty meager, and combined with the low tides, pretty much guaranteed that you had to run over the flat-rock and ding your board in order to advance in your heat. Tom English, Otis, and Scott Allen were just a few of the many contestants who left bits of fiberglass and resin on that rock.

When I finally got home from these two trips, I found out that my good friend and surf-buddy from Solana Beach, (Jim Moriarty) was recently selected to be the new Executive Director (CEO) of the Surfrider Foundation. Jim has expressed interest in joining the SSA, and I think we should definitely give him a chance to get up in front of the jury and tell us about the different kinds of boards he surfs and what his favorite color is...

While all of this was going on, John Reinhardt was surfing his brains out in El Salvador. He's reported back with stories of good surf, warm water, and no crowds.

On a darker note: Dale Velzy passed away this past month from cancer. There will be a memorial service, paddle out, and pot luck to honor him at Doheny State Park on June 14 at 3pm. Mention Dale's name and you will get into the park for free.

Surf on - Matt

Goofing in Cabo - Terry (Simba) Sims, Matt (w/fake teeth) and Scott Allen (muy guapo)

SSA Mobile HQ

Photo Scott Allen

Calendar of Events

When	Where	What
Tues, June 14th 3pm	Doheney State Park	Dale Velzy Memorial Service, Paddle Out and Pot Luck
Tues, June 14th 7pm	Solana Beach Rec Center	Swamis Meeting
Sat, June 25	Doheney State Park	DLSA groms,menehune and jr. mens contest
Sat, July 2nd 8am	Cardiff Reef	The Olde Tyme Classic and Ping Pong/Paddle Tennis / Pool Party. The Surf event will be at Cardiff Reef starting at 8am, and the party will be at Tom's house starting around noon.
Tues, July 12th 7pm	Solana Beach Rec Center	Swamis Meeting
Fri, July 22nd	The La Paloma	Sea Level Pressure Movie
July 23-24	Malibu	Malibu Board Riders Contest
July 29 - Aug 16	Costa Rica	Coalition Trip and Contest
Aug 19-21	Oceanside Pier	Oceanside Longboard Club Contest
Sun Aug 28	Carlsbad Campground	Blind Surf
Sept. 10-11	Malibu	Malibu Surfing Association Contest
Sept. 23-25	Cardiff	Rob Machado / Hansens Beach Festival
Oct. 7-9	Cardiff	Swamis Surfing Association Contest

Competition Corner

Otis "The Dude" Sistrunk

Well, hello there..... We didn't get First...But we should have....
It's hard to believe that SWAMIS finished in Sixth place at Santa Cruz.
We Won the Paddle race (20 points more than 2nd place) we killed it, came from behind and... it wasn't even close! (it looks like they miscounted, again).

Richie O'rielly took 5th in Novice,
Richie Cravey got 2nd in Jr.Men,
Fred (frenchie) got 6th in Mens,
Patrick Giles took 6th in Senior Mens,
Tom (the prez) English took 6th in Masters,
Woody got 4th in Grand Masters,
Fred and valerie got 2nd for Tandem

The rest of the team lost in earlier rounds, which for some, it's sad to say were victims of some Awful Judging Mistakes..... Christy O'rielly got ripped off really bad.... Magen should have got third, Tom English should have got first or second in the finals, Kevin should have got second in his first heat and we thought Richey won, but it was close. Ace made it to second round surfing in the over 60 at Santa Cruz for the first time. Kathern O'rielly learned a lesson and is getting a lot better...as for Aussie and myself - we did the usual - lost 2nd round, Steve Harvey got ripped in his first heat as well.

We had No Menehunes ,Young women and no Senior women... this won't happen for Malibu.

Surfing Santa Cruz is very challenging, dangerous, difficult and thrilling, and at an advanced surfing level. To do this with hundreds of people from all around watching, competing and cheering will definitely make you a better surfer and a better competitor...everyone should be very proud of what they did...

Just like the Team Captain is...

One of the things that really caught my attention was how the Club stuck together and cheered everyone on, taking pictures, spotting, and driving other people around. When I needed something or someone it was done... Swamis was together and it was felt..I think it started in malibu last year and pulled up even stronger at the Lane. We were a force to be reckoned with in the water!!!!

I messed up "Big" on not waking Even Crabtree up, when I told him I would. I thought I'd let him sleep longer because he drove all night because of work on friday. I had to go to the paddle race at 5am and then I went to breakfast and forgot. Later, when he showed up, there were no alternates slots left for him to get in...(Sorry dude). I owe him I guess...

The Team Motorhome broke down big time on the way up (second time we had to get pushed off the freeway) but not till after surfing the bu. We surfed the bu on the way home as well.

Another thing about this trip... you became closer friends with your friends and made more friends on the way, with our club and others as well...

Thanks TEAM for doing such a great job.... AND ALL THE SUPPORT TEAMS THAT CAME ALONG AS WELL... The surf ranged from 1-ft to 5-ft on the faces... good for that weekend....

Matt Loo even came along to take pictures. Emerson was missed by some-body I think... who was that? Drew said he will do better next time... and I promise to wake Even up...

Everyone had a good time... and I hope the same people go again next year....

NOW!!! for Malibu...

Surf off for all age groups will be held the same day as the Old Board Contest at Cardiff (July 2).

ALL finalist from Santa Cruz move on to Malibu...

We also want to thank all the sponsors (that’s two sponsors) Tom English and Western Financial Group and Linda Rogers Medical Group..... Thank you, Thank you very much.....which also means.... for club members... malibu is only $50.00.....

otis the dude

PS - Sorry to have canceled the Mainland Mexico trip due to illness. We will definitely do it again next year.

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10.	Aloe Up	Sun Block Kit	$19.95
			$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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