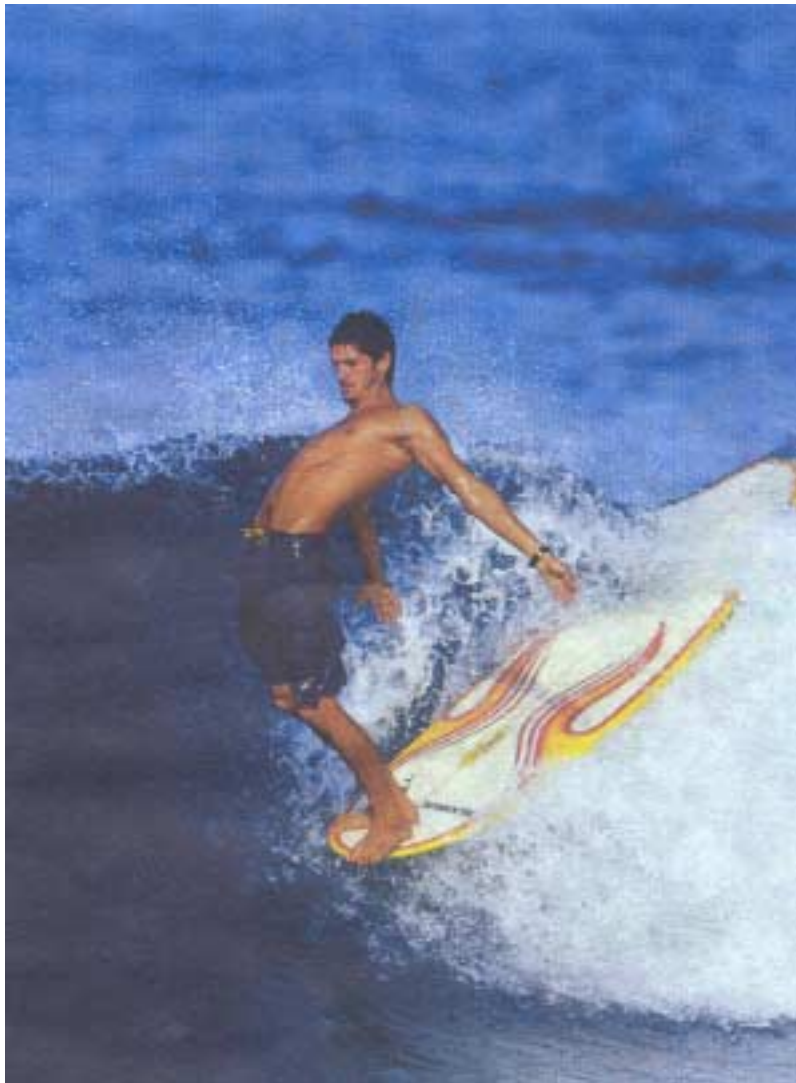




Swami's
SURFING • ASSOCIATION

Newsletter
March 2001

We miss you Syrus



***One of the best
traditional
surfers on the
planet.***

1980 -2001

Syrus in Puerto Escondido Photo by Jim Rusi

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Spring is almost here. I am caught between the good waves and the warmer climate. I want good waves without rubber.

The Association needs your dues some please pay up. At the board meeting we briefly discussed due fees and decided to keep them where they are. I wanted thank all of the Syrus supporters for coming to the last meeting. The silence and the storm moving in was very memorable. There has been an outcry of support for the King family from the coalition. What a great family the surfing community is. I have heard so many great stories about Syrus I feel like I know him better now. He was a great person and I have only heard good things about how he lived. See ya in the big blue sky barrel.

There are a lot of events coming up so stay tuned to your e-mail.

Swami's Marketplace

NEW ITEM

Get your custom, high quality, super soft Swami's Beach Towels. We are selling them to raise money for the club. They are \$23 each, or 5 for \$100.

SURF VIDEO

The Classic Winter of 2001 features surf from Swami's, Cardiff Reef, Baja, and Hawaii, filmed during the best run of perfect surf conditions in years. This is a fund raiser for the King Family. Tax deductible contributions should be payable to Swami's Surfing Assc. Inc. , and write Friends of Syrus King in the memo section. To order one call (760) 943-7914, or e-mail

TomTom-Productions@home.com



Mike Emerson at Cardiff Photo TomTom Productions

Swami's Events

March

- 3/13 Club Meeting 7pm Solana Beach
- 3/17-18 Arden Taylor Contest C-St Ventura
- 3/24 Surf off/Beach clean up @ Cardiff 7AM

April

- 4/7 Roxy Womens Contest @ Capitola
- 4/14 Easter egg hunt @ Glen Park 11AM

May

- 5/5 Surf off / Beach clean up @ Cardiff 7AM
- San Onofre Contest
- 5/19-20 Leo Cabrillo Contest
- 5/26-27 Santa Cruz

6/16/01 Casa de Emparo Surf @ Ponto 10AM

7/14/01 Old Time Classic / Pong Party @ Cardiff / English's 9am/12PM

8/18/01 Blind Surf @ Cardiff Campgrounds 9AM

9/29 OR 10/6 OR 10/13 Cardiff Contest 7AM

12/1/01 Christmas Party @ English's 6PM



For Syrus

A persistent smile plagues my thoughts in the past few days.
It is a vibrant, luminous smile,
Which stands broad, and firm before my mind.

My memories are ablaze with the warmth of that smile.
The smile of my friend, my brother, and my hero.

Visions of my brother arise before me in a strange mist of nostalgia.
Visions of his infectious laughter,
His crazy antics,
And his unconditional love for others and for life.

I can see him,
Drenched with happiness,
Which seemed the only goal of his life-
To be happy.

His philosophies were simple, strong, and direct.

Laugh, Love, and live your life for yourself and no other.

He stood fast to that which he preached.

He found happiness where others seemed not even to look.

These words pale and are empty in comparison to the breath of my brother,
But I find comfort in his life.

For as he taught me the joy of existence,
So now he teaches me the value of existence.
That life IS fleeting,
“a momentary sweetness.”

When I see the vision of my brother I see a shining soul,
Radiating, forever, in the hearts of those who knew him.

A soul reflected in the sun, which bathes the shores of the sea.

I hear his laughter in the sunrise,
And I will love him always,
Until the day I die.

Aloha,
Leila

To Swami's Surfing Association:
The entire Coalition of Surf Club membership sends our condolences to Bruce King and his family on the loss of Syrus King...

The Coalition of Surf Clubs web page has been updated in memorial to Syrus at <http://surfclubs.org/>
Information on how to send donations and support to the King family can be found at <http://www.surfclubs.org/syrus.htm>
The same pages will be updated with information on future memorial events for Syrus when available....



He was an inspiration to a kid growing up and surfing in our area. My prayers are with the King family, and with Syrus himself.

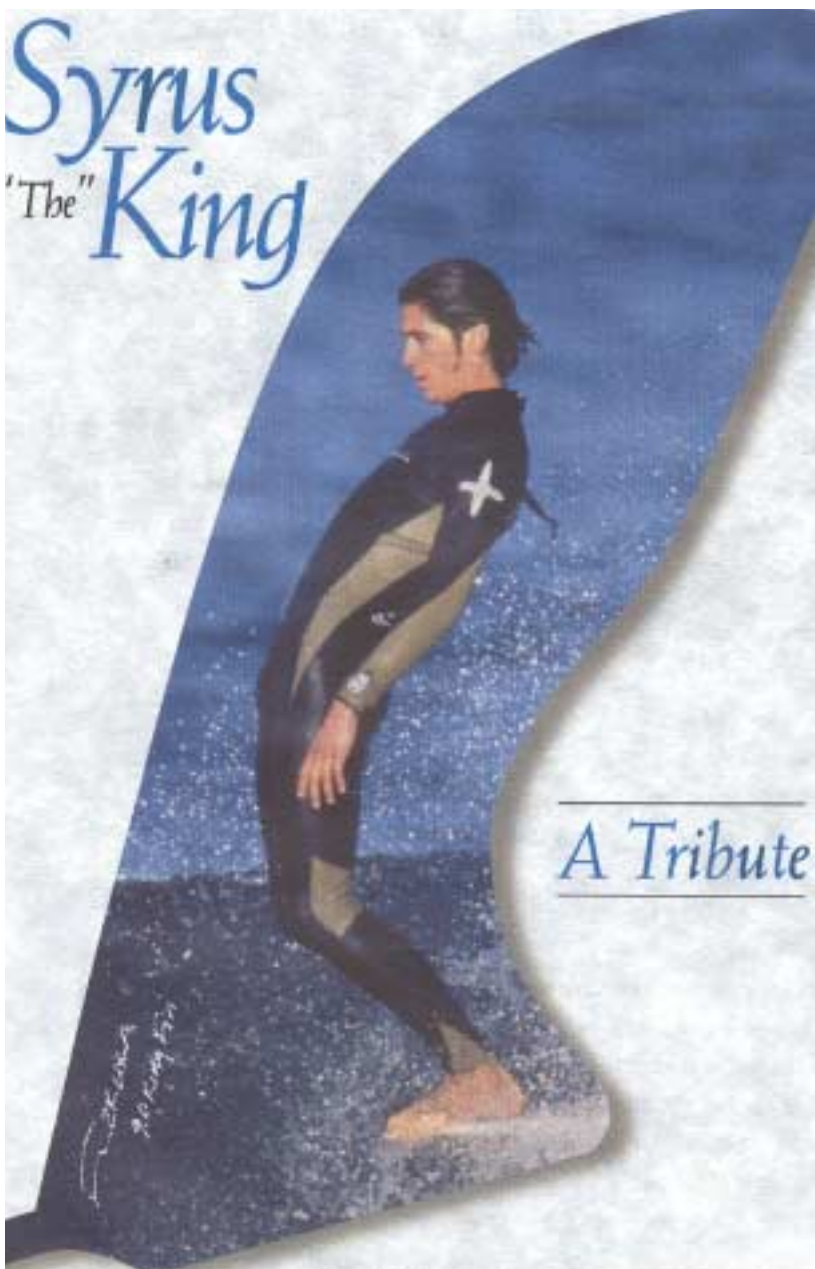
Jon Peck Jr.

I saw Syrus surf one time, versus Joel at a Swamis contest. Syrus beat Joel, (I think), and I introduced myself to Syrus and offered my congratulations. I was almost knocked-down by the incredibly good "vibe," or whatever that power is, that some seem to radiate. I have never seen, nor spoken to him since that time, but I will miss him, if only because of that one encounter.

Bill Andrews

All Coalition Members and King family,
The Doheny Longboard Surfing Assoc. also sends it's regrets and condolences to the King. Family. Many of our members knew Syrus and surfed with him. He will be missed by many. We know that he is now looking down on us laughing about our bad surf because he is in the perfect line up now. We will be there to support the King family in anyway as we know all the clubs will.

Jack Sutter



Feburary Surf Off Highl ights



Pat Pazoli at the Feb Surf off at Cardiff Reef Photo TomTom Productions



John Reinhardt our fearless competition director.



Pat Connor won the surf off with moves like this.

Hookipa Contest Maui Jan 2001

The Arden Taylor Benefit at C-Street, Ventura is scheduled for March 17 & 18th, 2001. Please keep your calendar open for these dates. Once again the contest is open to everyone, not just clubs. Also, on the first day of the contest around 11:00am, we will have a huge paddle-out in memory of Arden Taylor and Mark McCoy. In the center of the circle we are going to have two wreaths, one for Arden and one for Mark. With the permission of the King family we would like to have a third wreath - one for Syrus. If anyone from his family or from his club would like to carry the wreath we would be honored to have them do so. You do not have to be a contestant to join in the paddle-out.

If you need any additional information please feel free to contact me at
(805) 671-9939, (805) 647-6840 or via E-mail at

In between tow in sessions at a Secret Reef, Kite boarding, and Wind Surfing, Whitney represented Swami's pretty well.

Senior Men (40+)

1. Buzzy Kerbox
2. Whitney Guild
3. Danny Alfredo
4. Bill Barger
5. Dennis Singer
6. Donny Vitarelli



Calvin Tom at Cardiff Reef



Whitney Guild outer reef, Maui

The Swami's Surf Off / Beach Clean up events are back

Two more surf off's will be held 3/24, and 5/5 to determine intra-club rankings for the coalition contests. They will be held at Cardiff Reef at 8am. Come down and bring the family. Trash bags, coffee and doughnuts will be waiting for you.

Dropping in on...Dan Riley

Nickname: Danno

Occupation: Amateur photographer, home improvement apprentice, and part-time school bus driver.

Favorite Grinds: just about anything at Pipes Cafe and Enchiladas Mole at El Callejon

Favorite Surfer: Joel... but I enjoy watching Woody and other "non contest" longboarders.

Favorite Music: David Byrne "Rei Momo", Paul Simon "Rhythm of the Saints", Los Straightjackets (thank you, Kris Stewart!)

Favorite Surfspot: Traps after low tide and "Secret Spot"

Scariest Surfing Experience: Learning at age 35 -- everything was scary. A near miss with a tractor trailer/earth mover combo on a blind s-curve on the Transpenninsular Hwy south of El Rosario ranks right up there though.



Dan Riley Photo Sterling King Surfnart.com

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Raffle Corner

The surf has been fun but how about the insane powder in the mountains! See ya at the meeting, Mark

			Value
1.	No Fear	T - Shirt	\$16.95
2.	Sticky Bumps	Traction	\$29.95
3.	Quicksilver	Baseball hat	\$22.00
4.	Stay Covered	9 ft. leash (used by Bass)	\$18.95
5.	Billabong	T - Shirt	\$16.95
6.	Surf Tech	Baseball hat	\$19.95
7.	Encinitas	T - Shirt	\$16.95
8.	Aloe Up	Sunscreen	\$ 9.95
9.	Sticky Bumps	Traction	\$29.95
10.	Da Club	Video On Fire	\$19.95
11.	MCD	Baseball Hat	\$19.95



Mark Adam at Snow Summit after the biggest storm in 10 years. It looked more like Switzerland than Big Bear.

Specials from Encinitas Surfboards

All dues paid members save 15 percent on all non sale items, excluding surfboards. Talk to the boys concerning your next board purchase.

We have great prices for all club members. Hope to see everyone at the meeting for some tasty pizza and a fun time.

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