



Swami's
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Newsletter
Sept 2002

Summer Time - Go Somewhere



Mentawai Islands August 2002 See more pics inside and the story is on page 7

Come to the Surf Club meeting
Tuesday Sept 10 7:00 p.m.

Check out www.swamissurfingassociation.org



Glen Stewart is looking forward to the upcoming big El Nino Winter.

From the Outside

Monthly Letter from Bruce King, Pres

From The Outside

I just returned from the Oceanside Club Conbtest. My thanks go out to the Oceanside club and Tim Carter for doing such a great job, and boy did Tim order up some little bombs. At least two sets, if not three every heat. The high tide was brutal, and on Sunday, the surf and south current were pushing people through the pier, and to the North up the beach. Dead glass in the morning with windy conditions in the afternoon and a lot of sunshine.

I was talking to George (Misto) Carr from Malibu, and asked him how his heat was. He told me "I was having fun until I had to paddle out". Everyone had a great time, including myself. Our whole team, and even George "Misto" Carr, 72 years young. Our team placed 3rd out of 12 teams. OLSC took 1st, and Windansea 2nd. I would like to thank the whole team for making such a good showing. Extra Hooray for Otis, Jack Crabtree, and John Reinhardt for putting such a great team together. Our team spirit is high and we are ready for Malibu. See the competition Corner on Page 4 for more contest results. Thanks again to everyone!

Our next event will be the 6th Annual Swamis Surfing Assoc. and Lions Club Blind Surf. Be there on Sept 15th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m. at North Ponto. Please come early to help set up as we will need help bringing equipment from Cardiff to Ponto. Come share the good times, it will truly be a moving event.

Our Club Contest is Oct 19th and 20th.

Good luck to everyone going to the MSA contest, there should be good surf. Last year was awesome, have a great time, maybe see you there.

Please come to the next club meeting, we need your help and energy to pull off the rest of the year. A big THANK YOU goes out to Poodle for bringing the food and drinks, and Marc Adam for always pulling off the raffle and making it look easy. You guys are awesome.

BK



Mark Brolaski traveled 35,000 miles and got 200 tube rides during August.



Scott Bass displayed his press credentials (Surfermag.com) to get it through this backdoor.



2002 Calendar of Events

- Sept. 7/8th MSA Contest (Club Coalition event)
Contact: John Reinhardt (760) 634-1033 – Please contact John early to sign up!
- Sept. 10t Club meeting 7:00 PM
- Sept 15th Blind Surf – Ponto –from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Sept. 18th Board meeting (location tbd) 7:00 PM
- Oct 5 - 6 W indansea Menehune/Junior Contest at LaJolla Shores - Open
- Oct 12 - 13 Roxy Wahine Classic @ Old Man's (SanO) - Open
- Oct. 8th Club meeting 7:00 PM
- Oct. 19-20th SSA 2002 Club Contest (Club Coalition event)
Contact: Bruce King – volunteers needed!
- Oct. 16th Board meeting (location tbd) 7:00 PM
- Nov 2 - 3 Machado Fund Raiser (Hot dog sales w/Seaside Market sponsorship)
Contact: Jon Cohen (760) 942-2347
- Nov. 12th Club meeting / SSA 2003 Board of Director nominations 7:00 PM
- Nov. 20th Board meeting (location tbd) 7:00 PM
- Dec. 14th SSA Christmas Party TBD
Contact: Lori Adams (760) 944-1879



Scott "Soupman" Campbell took 3rd at Oceanside last week.

Competition Update

Jersey Box Sept. 2002

The competition season is well under way and we have done well in the last few contests. Malibu saw the team place 5th with a great showing in the paddle race despite being under gunned. Eight teams had tandem boards. The Oceanside contest had good waves and Swamis coming in 3rd. We are now getting ready for the MSA contest on the 6th and 7th of Sept. I will post results in the next letter.

The Malibu Boardriders results: Drew Woodworth 5th in the Menehunes. Jenni Flanagan 5th in the women's under 29. Mike Emerson 5th and Otis Sistrunk 6th in the Men's 30 to 39. Bruce King 1st in the men's 50 to 59 and George Carr 1st in the legends 60 and over. Congratulations to everyone and especially our President for grabbing 1st in his division. Thank you all for participating.

See you in the Water

John

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Tom English had a great time surfing the boards with pointy noses.



Tom English getting ready for the double up section



Donny McQuistin clocked some serious tube time.

This story was written by Scott Bass for the Surfermag.com website. To check out the whole story goto www.surfermag.com and click on the Anti-Pro Manifesto.

The main reason to take this Mentawai boat trip: opportunity. Whenever international turmoil rears its head, the ensuing US State Department fallout results in a travel panic. While visions of AK-47s, kidnapping and extremist groups' pop into the imagination, some see empty waves and local villages eager to welcome you into their economically dire situation. For surfers with an adventuresome itch, a State Department warning is like a handful of sea lice landing on ones nether regions. The itch is bothersome, but aggressively toggling the area in search of relief is out of the question. For real relief, you must push aside any trepidation and seize opportunity.

The largest waves were maybe 20' feet on the face. This left point, in the southern most region, was receiving the swell full bore. Large, bankable left shoulders broke 1/2 mile out from our anchorage and made their way into the notorious inside section. To call this section gnarly would be an understatement. Mean, thick, contorted slabs of pure aquatic power unfolded on the inside with an undeniable brute force. We felt it out for awhile before deciding that getting into the wave on the way, way outside was the best option. Out the back the drops left me wondering why I had preached so vehemently against bringing anything bigger than a 6' 10". Nevertheless, we all made due with our undersized boards. Mark Brolaski scored an insane one by committing to the double-up inside section and reaping the reward: a meaty bowl section that covered him completely. Jordan (our host) said it the biggest waves he's surfed in the Mentawais.

The swell had arrived, and it was pumping. We stayed and surfed the left point by ourselves for two days. All of us had been tested, and it didn't seem like the Ments could throw anything any heavier than that at us. To say we conquered would be hyperbole. But we surfed hard, dodged bombora sets, got banged up, and left the water with the shit eating grin of a cheshire cat. It was epic.



Mark Brolaski laying it on the rail for a nice roundhouse cutback

Raffle Corner

This months raffle is one you don t want to miss!! Yeah! Check it....

			Value
1.	ONeil	Rashguard	\$24.95
2.	Billabong	T - Shirt	\$22.00
3.	Hurley	B-Ball Hat	\$16.95
4.	Stay Covered	9 ft. leash (used by Bass)	\$22.00
5.	Headhunter	Rash-Guard Gel	\$ 7.95
6.	Quicksilver	B-Ball Hat	\$22.00
7.	Rip Curl	Spring Suit	\$69.95
8.	Encinitas Surf	T-Shirt	\$19.95
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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