



*Swami's*  
SURFING • ASSOCIATION

Newsletter  
Sept 2003

Summer Time Fun



Come to the Surf Club meeting  
See friends, eat pizza, Win fabulous prizes  
Tuesday Sept 9th 7:00 p.m.



Lindsey Marshall

### Monthly letter from Gary Baum, Pres

Labor day is here and it is the official end of summer. BUMMER! As summer's go, this one didn't produce much surf, but lots of hot humid weather. At least the water was warm. Also a good summer for Great White sightings at San'o.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, September 9th. We will have some important topics to discuss and vote on, more specifically allowing Honorary members into the club. Just about all the surf clubs allow for Honorary membership, so come to the meeting and put your 2 cents in.

The Swami's Surf contest, also known as The Syrus King Memorial, is fast approaching. Much help is needed to make sure the contest is the best ever, so consider this a strong request for all members to attend the meeting and sign up for various jobs for the contest. If you want to surf in our contests, this is your opportunity to help the club and show you can work for SSA and not just whine because you have not been picked to surf in a contest. Get involved, do some work and you will surf for SSA! It seems we always have a core of hard working members, and we need other members to step up.

I hope to see a large turnout at our next meeting. SSA is regarded as one of the best, if not the best, and oldest, surf club in California. It takes the hard work and energy of all of our members to keep it that way. Aloha all. Gary Baum, prez.

Andrew LoGreco in Paradise - Mentawai s 2003



Go to [Surfermag.com](http://Surfermag.com) to read more about the trip.

## COMPETITION NEWS

### CONTEST SCHEDULE 2003

#### 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



Stand up paddle surfing is fun in the small summer surf



Brian Cruz just cruising

## Surfing Malaria Point by Tom English

The modern eco-tourist surf trips, that provide an organized, safe, all inclusive vacation for the stressed out urban surfer have their advantages and limitations. We all like to be pampered, but you miss out on opportunities to "Breathe rarified air", you know, "Go where no man (with common sense) has gone before". Our trip to seek out the legendary "Malaria Point" was an adventure that we will never forget.



It started out as an island hop from Bali to an island that still has dinosaurs on it. We heard that you can sit in an observation booth and watch these ancient giant lizards rip apart a slaughtered goat. Not exactly great family entertainment, but it's the only place in the world where these prehistoric animals live.

Our plans were changed abruptly when we were told at the airport that my boards would not fit on the plane. I then opened up my wallet and asked if a few hundred thousand rupia (\$20) would create some space for them. That didn't work. I have negotiated transactions like this with the Mexican police and usually if you give them everything in your wallet, they feel like it has been a successful negotiation. So I opened up my wallet and handed the guy all of my money (around \$40). Still there was no room for my boards. Then I begged. Nothing was working. I asked to talk to his supervisor. No luck.

Back at our bungalow I was looking through "The Surf Report" on the surrounding islands. I noticed a spot called Tanjung Pandangan (Malaria Point). The report described the wave as "Fast, tubular left breaking in shallow water, getting progressively more radical as it goes up the reef. Peaks outside at over 6 foot, and ridden up to 10 foot".

Early the next morning we boarded the hydrofoil that would take us to the island. There were only 2 other surfers on the boat. They were two Australians, Mick Dundee from Surfers Paradise, and Dave from Sydney. They were both on extended surf trips; this was their third month in Indonesia. They spoke the language well and became our traveling partners. They also were in search of perfect surf at Malaria Point. The hydrofoil never lifted up due to the heavy seas, which made the crossing longer, and rougher, but left us with a sense of excitement, knowing the big swell could produce the magical conditions that we were searching for.

At the harbor we searched for a boat to take us to the point, but no one was available. We then tried to explain to the Bemo Drivers (Taxi's) where we wanted to go. They didn't understand, or didn't want to drive on the rutted dirt roads for 2 hours. Then a kid helped us find a bemo that would drive out to the point. Traveling through the tiny villages, we attracted a lot of attention from the local kids, who seemed curious about this bemo loaded with surf boards and people who look strange.

We eventually rounded the last corner and got our first glimpse of the point. There were a few guys standing next to old bikes looking like a scene out of National Geographic. Two were naked, one had a loin cloth. We walked around the point and saw the set up. Big swells crashed on the rocks as a giant wall of water. The full moon was producing an unusually high tide, and it wasn't going to drop until the set went down. Sunset's can produce beautiful surfing conditions, with the typical evening glass off. But this was Malaria Point, and you didn't want to be around here when the mosquito's come out. An abandoned surf camp on the point was a chilling reminder of the danger here. The camp was abandoned after campers came down with malaria and fled the area.

We knew the early morning session would be good with the low tide. When we first saw the surf firing down the point it was amazing. It was just like you see in the surf movies. Guys racing long perfect walls, only to disappear behind the emerald blue curtain of water, then escape, only to find another section that covers them again. We surfed until our arms gave out on us, and my beautiful wife Barb worked the video camera on the beach, so we can watch this amazing wave on the big screen in the comfort of our living room.



Barb at the buffet table



## Friends of Swamis

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## Give Away Corner

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

			Value
1.	O'Neil	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
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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 Swami's 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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