

Southside Malibu Club

June 2010 Newsletter



Club Highlights

- > 2010 Green Island Mates Weekend was by all reports a great time with good waves
- > The Spring Classic is coming up fast contact Tommy 0414 224 352 if you wish to help .
- > The after club BBQs be starting next Month details first one on the schedule is September (Wayne's) October (Wono's) November (Tony Babics) If you wish to host one please email the Committee with your Month of choice. December and August are still open.
- > All our social members are encouraged to come down to the Monthly contest to have a catch up and a bacon and egg sanga.
- > Mingo's second State of Origin Night at Pappas was again a great night (not for the Blues)Club members joined by a few of the Last Man Standing guys

Committee Report

Thanks to those who have put their names down to help for the Willet Johnston Spring Classic. We are making headway in getting the event organised, we will get you posted. At the July Comp we will ask for a show of hands to confirm the Charity for this year's Classic.

See ya on the beach Wayne

Contest Director Report Gradings

On another matter, I have just completed the competition grading for this year and have, as always when this is done, got some people off side. I can remember when I first joined the club and I managed to finish in the top six competitors in C Grade. I thought well I haven't finished in the top three this year so perhaps next year I'll make it. Then I was told by Larry Beaver on the night while I was in a rather inebriated state that I wouldn't be in C Grade next year, I would instead be up in B Grade as my wave score was too high.

Of course I was pissed and didn't know what Larry was talking about but I remember combing over this document of figures that they had produced for the presentation. It had so many pages and the writing was so small but Larry said "see!", ... "there it is!" Well of course I couldn't see but sure enough the following year I was up in B Grade. Anyway, if that's the case and you think you have been poorly treated and can prove that I've made a computational or judgement error then I am open to any complaints you might have regarding grading.

Just as a bit of back ground to the grading process, grading is traditionally determined using a value known as the average wave score. This year as in previous years I have also used the average wave score, which in this instance was determined from the first four rounds of this years competition. The reason for doing this was that it was logistically simpler for me but there were also a number of new members to the club and we have therefore had the chance to examine their individual level of surfing and rank them accordingly, and hopefully increase their level of enjoyment.

Thanks for all your patience and help and I'll see you out in the waves next time.

Ross

Checkout the website this Month

Contest results for June

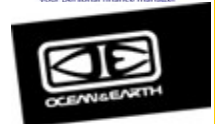
Ian's June Comp Photos

The Event Calendars for 2010

The return of the 5 minute interview



WILLET JOHNSTON PARTNERS



The June Contest

Contest Director Comp Report

First of all, thanks to all those members who participated in and helped with the running of the June competition, great work. I really appreciate your patience and help when I am trying to get the computer going at the start of the day and my head is still lost in last night.

For those of you who were able to make it, the June competition posed a number of organisational problems to which there were an equally large number of possible solutions and actual outcomes. For my part, I would like to apologise for the late start to the day. This was due in part to the heavy swell making it difficult to hold a competition and once a location had been determined the need to obtain council approval to hold a contest.

Some of you might be asking why did we hold the contest at “the Alley”? Well “the Alley” has a number of advantages in a big swell, not the least of which is the ability to get a hot cappuccino after the heat, but if you couldn’t get out in the rip, and that turned out to be a serious rip, just ask Col DeLore about the rip, you could, as I did, paddle up from Cronulla out behind the breakers, a practical, though time consuming option.

We were therefore mindful of the difficulty of getting out on time for the start of the heats, and because of this we decided that as soon as the competition rash vest was available you could paddle out. On the face of it this seems a logical and practical solution, however, this meant that you were now judging two heats ahead of your competition heat instead of the usual one, so an obvious source for possible confusion.

Another problem which arose was the realisation of number of members of the club who are evidently colour blind. However, in some circumstances I later found out they were wearing the right colour rashie, but just in the wrong heat.

Well this was of course compounded by other circumstances, which I hadn’t figured on, but would like to share with you. Apparently some members were unable to get back to shore after the completion of their heat and so their rashie was not available till they got back to the beach.

Remember winter

JULY

See you at

6.30 AM WANDA Car park.

Because of this we decided to use the orange rashie as a standby, to cater for these actual organisational difficulties and provide competing members the best possible opportunity to get out the back and be ready for the start of their heat. In the end the whole thing got a bit out of wack with the purple rashie also being used.

Although we managed to escape the rain that was about, the tent suffered a knock down with a strong wind gust and I am told everything inside the tent including the computer went flying. As a result we put the dam thing away (the computer that is), and continued on with the paper hardcopy. By this stage the weather was looking threatening and the conditions out in the surf were getting ugly. A decision had been made to pull the plug on the competition but this decision had been poorly communicated due to which led to confusion as to what was happening for which I must apologise. We had the situation were there were competitors out in the surf ready to start their heat yet no way of letting them know that we had decided to terminate the event. Fortunately we had Mick Yule on hand to help us through this dilemma and the competition appropriately continued for a further heat before the event was called off for the last heat. Thanks Mick.

For those of you who were unlucky and missed out on their second heat due to the adverse conditions that developed, that was unfortunate. However, as organisers we need to have the ability to cancel the running of an event when the conditions deteriorate and as such safety is foremost in our consideration. Members must be aware that when they consider competing and especially in big conditions, they must consider carefully their own ability and make a careful appraisal of those conditions before venturing out into the water. The onus is always on the individual as to whether they compete in any heat at any time and we have no problem whatsoever with members electing not to surf for whatever reason.

Please note from July on in only financial members are eligible to enter the Monthly Comps.

Ross

HEAD JUDGE

One area we need to improve on is the judging so from June for each heat the Contest Director (s) will anoint one of the heat judges to be the Head Judge for the heat and to act as spotter. This will be one of the experienced members who can will provide support and direction throughout the heat and make sure all waves are scored and properly allocated to each of the heat competitors in the water. Basically the role is to make sure the heat goes as it should go in fairness to all competing in the water.

Vice President's Report (or Babic's Backchat!)

Greetings all and sundry who may venture onto this cyber pathway of information and longboard discussion and enlightenment. It's been a while since I have tapped a keyboard to provide some fodder in these hallowed electronic pages but I'm up and running now.

As you may be aware, or unaware if you haven't been active in monthly club rounds this year, there have been some changes (or adjustments) that have for the most part been well received by the bods on the beach.

To name a few.....lower membership fees, shortening of the monthly corroboree on the sand by the removal of finals, introducing grommet heats between rounds, reporting of minutes from Committee meetings each month, mega give-aways at the end of each round courtesy of the benevolence of new sponsors Dripping Wet and the raffle, many new members and then return of some 'old' faces, endeavouring to improve the consistency of judging each month by working on an equitable system of head judge for heats, a simplification and streamlining of the Spring Classic, establishing bonds with new sponsors, strengthening existing ones and re-establishing old ones and finally.....making our monthly club rounds more like the reason we all go surfing in the first place.....fun.

Most of these 'changes' are no more than the continued evolution of an organisation such as ours over time. The club today is essentially much the same in nature as it was when I joined twenty one years ago with many changes having taken place in that time...some for the better and well received by most members and some not so. As stated by Wayne and reiterated by the Committee, we are trying to make the Club a better place for all and not just a few. Much, if not all, of the direction we are heading this year is a direct result of your survey results last year and by hopefully being receptive to any concerns we are aware of month to month. If you are familiar with the 'Perfecto Italiano' cheese ads on the television...."I like to listen to the problems of your friends" or so says the 'perfect' male in these same ads.

This month is purely a passing on of some of the key issues discussed at Committee level over the last few months.

To finish off this month I would like to quote the words of John F 'Longboarder' before he had his brains blown out all over the back seat of the EH station wagon all those years ago by Lee Harvey 'Paddleboarder' from the sandy knoll in downtown Phallus, Texas....." Ask not what your longboard club and it's members can do for you, but what you can do for it. " I think that there is something in that for all of us, don't you. Until next club round, stay safe and see you down the beach at the Winter start up time of 6.30 am. Sometimes when I write this column....I weep. (with apologies to Perfecto Italiano cheese)

Tony

PS - JF Longboarders death was avenged by Jack 'Meyerhoffer' Ruby a few days later.....the rest is all a part of the comparative reality we call history. Aubergine

