

# NARROWNECK LONGBOARD CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER – January 2008

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**Next Club Contest: Sunday 10 February 2008 at  
Narrowneck. 6:30 start**

**Old Mal Round**

**Committee Meeting: Thursday 14 January  
At the White House,  
10 Cameron Crt, Ashmore  
7:00PM**

## The Prez Report:

G'day Fight fans,

A new year and a new comp. First comp of the year was held down the coast at Tugun as The Neck was not doing the nice thing and conditions were not the best for surfing. Good turn up of members were met by a solid waist to head high swell with two banks working, one inside bank and another out the back. After the first round it was plain to see nearly everyone had been celebrating Xmas and New Year with all saying how hard a grind it was to get out and catch waves, there were quite a few sore bodies the next day including yours truly who felt like he had done ten rounds with Mike Tyson. Even so some great rides were executed with Neale going dangerously close to the flagged area on a great wave (he only had to stand up for the next wave and would have won) and a terrific wipe-out by Phil H who, on one wave went over the falls and his board shot up in the air like a bloody missile, guess who's in the lead for wipe-out award. After all the mayhem and whinging how hard

going it was, we got through two complete rounds and into the barby which once again was enjoyed by one and all.

Great to have Shamus back in the club and surfing again, with an arrival expected soon. Finally a vote was taken that should the Neck be unsurfable for any reason, we would hold the comp down at Tugun south of the surf club.

All for now see you in the green room.

Norm, Da Prez.

P. S. a big thank you to Palm Beach LBC for their generous gift of the trailer and gear to Narrowneck and any members of Palmy are welcome to our club.

## On the Road Again

Another Competition Sunday. The rain had stopped, the Sun was shining, there was a swell around a metre or so, the crew were keen and the wind was blowing South-easterly straight up the beach at 10 knots at 6:15. Ah well, you can't have it all. With the consensus being to head south, the procession wended its way past Burleigh, Palmy and Currumbin to a rarely surfed bank at Tugun known only to the superlative Contest Director and a couple of hundred of his closest friends. The only down side of the southern sojourn was a run-in with a Ginger Ninja as we travelled through Burleigh. The Red Rat attempted to amuse/abuse us with a display of his glistening white buttocks covered in downy orange fluff. A number of old ladies fainted and Brick attempted an evasive driving technique called "not watching where you are going while laughing hysterically". Photographic evidence attached. Sorry Rhys, I lied about the photo not turning out.

The road trek proved yet again to be a wise move as the SE breeze had strengthened but fortunately was slightly offshore at Tugun. The tents went up, the tables were erected and the whole show was underway just after 7:00.

The big surprise of the day was that there are now so many old farts, we need to run two Over 55 heats. How scary is that? And not all the old blokes were there – Skydiver was off having a bikini wax ski in Japan, Mike Austin was MIA and Tony Green and Andy Brown were otherwise engaged. (But not to each other.)

Meanwhile back at the beach, the white water rushing north off the sandbank proved to be more of a problem than most imagined and several of the crew encountered some difficulty in getting out the back. Club Champeen, Andre' Migaloo Cottle, was heard telling anyone who would listen, that he had been flogged trying to cross the sandbank. Nobody paid any attention because Miga always says this.

Several others fell into Terry Taylor's carefully laid trap and while trying to follow him out through the break wore about five waves on their heads while Taylor merely scooted around the northern end of the bank in the deeper water. What a cunning stunt, Tez. Or something like that.

Anyway, lots of waves, lots of laughter and an early bid for Wipe-out of the Year by Philthy Phil Hayward. One of your better ones Phil. I am sure I could hear those rotten judges laughing from out in the water. Or perhaps it was Barry Mallett, Da Prez and Barnacle Bob McNeill who also happened to be in the same heat. The bastards. Fancy laughing at someone's misfortune.

Lothario managed to jag a wave that ran all of 80 metres along the beach – straight through the flags and up on to the sand much to the amusement of the assembled NLC throng and to the chagrin of the Tugun clubbies. Both Big and Little Patto were on fire, lapping up the left handers. According to Big, NLC is a club for goofy footers. I think it was this statement that won him the Nerang Trophies Monthly Medal, after all it surely couldn't have been his surfing, could it?

I thought the standard of surfing throughout both rounds was terrific and some of the heats were only decided on a count-back. Grunta, Waz, Migaloo, James and the Taipan were outstanding and the final could have gone a number of ways. Pratty, Kev K1 and Shamus got some real long rides and I suspect that when we see a bit more of a few of the crew like Coombsie, Dave Cottle, Keg, Skiddo and Donger that the ratings may become more compacted.

The final word from the judges was that in his first round heat, Grunta managed the lowest and the highest scoring waves. The word is, he actually fell off his board at one stage. Seems he is human after all.

But the big question of the round remains unanswered – where was Mumbles?

## **OTHER CRAP. What's been doing around the beach? All the rubbish that's fit to print (and a fair bit that isn't).**

After two weeks of near cyclonic weather when the Coast was lashed by huge seas and buffeted by wind and stung by driving rain, the dams were overflowing, the holiday makers were suffering from cabin fever and needy surfers ventured to faraway places like Noosa, the Pass at Byron and the river mouth at Ballina just to break the monotony. Some of us stayed closer to home and chose to surf at the Alley and were flogged unmercifully for our trouble. What a start to the year.

Thanks to the crew for all pitching in at the Tugun comp. We had a much better response to setting up and putting the gear away this month, perhaps some people do read the Newsletter.

New boards abounded this month with Wazza showing off his new Joe Larkin model and my new Richard Harvey cruiser both on display. Lothario has bought Andy's Tolhurst Tufflite while Miga is now riding a very pretty

McTavish. I also heard a whisper that the Prez has flogged of his Woosley replica.

Just another gentle reminder not to forget to cough up the \$\$ for your membership folks. And please fill out the updated membership form.

If you have had trouble getting your Newsletter via email, you might need to clean out your Inbox. I have been getting error reports that some mail boxes are full and the Club Newsletter can't be delivered.

Also, if you have a board or surf gear or other attractive items (computers, cameras, airline or concert tickets, bottles of Grange Hermitage, land on Russell Island etc) for sale, let me know and I will include them in here. I reckon we could have a page of Migaloo's surfboards alone.

If anyone wants to purchase an embroidered polo shirt see Da Prez pronto.

You may have noticed in Normie's report that Palm Beach LBC has all but folded and have bequeathed some of their gear to us including their trailer, tent, barbie and other bits. Hopefully some of their regular crew will also make an appearance at The Neck.

Da Prez also mentioned that if conditions are unfavourable at NN then we should head straight to Tugun. Executive decision – no correspondence entered into. So if it is blowing south easterly, Tugun is the place to be.

## CLUB SURFING CALENDAR

Sunday 10 Feb	Regular club round	<b>At Narrowneck 6:30 AM</b>
Thurs 14 Feb	Committee meeting.	At Normie's at 7:00 PM
	Stay tuned for the Annual Club Calendar with the comp dates pencilled in	Coming soon.

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