

NARROWNECK LONGBOARD CLUB

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**Next Club Contest: Sunday 13 April 2008 at
Narrowneck. 6:30 start**

Old Mal Round

**Committee Meeting: Thursday 17 April
At The Party Palace,
10 Cameron Crt, Ashmore
7:00PM**

The Prez Report:

G'day fight fans,

Once again it was off to the Deep South with the Neck in the grip of s/se winds still. The word was the day before Tugun was around 2 to 3 foot with nice gliding waves, Sunday was about head high and thumping, just to keep us honest. Another good turn up with enough members for six heats plus groms to get the ball rolling. Good to have some of the South East boys turn up and join in. With the heats under way there were some outstanding wipe outs and some near misses. Phil H caught a ripper left that was churning up about head high and hollow with Phil hanging on for grim life, he made it but was still very pale about half an hour after the heat. *(Are you serious Normie? I saw him about a week ago and he was still very pale but I put that down to his normal Welsh complexion. Must have been a helluva wave) – Ed.* Joe (the Keg) was paddling back out and was hit by a monster that landed right on top of him, looked spectacular from the judges

tent, he survived and went on fighting. After all the carnage going on in the first round the wind started to really get in to it and round 2 was cancelled. Onto the barby with the rain clouds getting closer everyone got stuck into the grub, madly packed up and bolted. (Gazza made it home in the new P.T.convertible with seconds to spare before the heavens opened).

Meeting night was pretty quiet with just Wazza and Grunta turning up, a few things were discussed with the main theme being the barby. Seems we are not making back the money that is being spent on the food so we are devising a new way of collecting the money so as to at least break even.(more on this to come.) We should have the trailer up and about soon which will allow us to stow the tents and gear with less hassle.

That's about it for me, fingers crossed its home beach next comp, to members who have not paid fees, time is up. Also anyone thinking of going to Evans Head Labour Day N.S.W. time (early October) if you E mail me I can send you photos of accommodation available. Cheers,

Norm
Da Prez.
See you in the green room.

On the Road Again. Again. AGAIN!!

There was movement on the foreshore as the word was passed around
That the contest from the Neck was on, but had moved to safer ground

Neither crashing planes nor flooding rains could drive them from their turf
But a trip to Tugun way down south, seemed the only place for surf.

The stage was set, the die was cast, the day it was eventful
The scudding showers, the grinding surf, sandy enemas by the handful

The contest was done in usual fashion and all the scores were counted
A successful day, no uncertainty, only whingers were stuffed and mounted

No one cracked the shits, minor dummy spits all taken in good humour
Fingers crossed for April's comp to be at Narrowneck, that's the rumour

(Apologies to every poet that ever lived - Ed).

I think I should start making notes about the comp on the day it happens rather than trust my memory which is failing badly. The following has been garnered from the collective memories of the crusty crew who haven't killed too many brain cells in the past month.

The turnout was huge with 35 surfers taking to the water in two Over 55 heats, a juniors round and four full open division heats. The sweep and the South-east winds were shockers making trying to stay in one spot exceedingly difficult. I noted that some of the better surfers who would ordinarily catch

close to 10 waves in their heats were only getting three and four waves. This makes me feel so much better as I only caught one in twenty minutes!! Dammit.

Chris (former skipper of the Pasha Bulka) Evans looked very comfortable on his new McTavish and we are not allowed to mention that Migaloo sold his McT to a person who pleaded with me to remain anonymous due to the likelihood of his wife performing a testiclectomy without anaesthetic and with her bare hands if she was to hear about his latest purchase. I think that Grunta won the pool about how long Miga would have this particular board.

Just in case the point has been lost on some of the crew, Andy Cottle changes his boards as regularly as he changes his undies – at least three times each year. Over the years it has become a bit of a standing joke how frequently he goes through them and to which unsuspecting club member he will offload his latest acquisition to. At last count, there are five of the crew surfing Migaloo's former boards.

Surprisingly, Keggie Bowen copped a monster on the melon which bounced him high in the air. Not so surprisingly, so did Brick, Mumbles and myself. Talk about having the poo pounded out of you. Lothario didn't have to worry about surfing through the flagged area this month as no swimmers were silly enough to go anywhere near the water.

Jacko Cottle surfed like a future champion and showed no concern about the pounding surf. Well done JC. I do recall one particular heat where Skid, Migaloo, Taipan and Donger were all going head to head and the surfing was particularly hot. There must have been others in the water at the same time but with those wave hogs out there it would be a brave person who tried to pinch a wave in this company. Snakes and drop ins every one of them. I have no idea who came out on top but Skiddo jagged a couple of screamer rights on his backhand that would have taken some really decent waves to beat.

The new season club Tshirts were distributed and they do look slick. Another fine choice by your Executive Committee.

We were also graced by the glorious presence of Jenny Graham who keeps threatening to come along with a board and surf the comp. Patto did a fine job on the barby yet again – big fella if you keep that standard up, you will have a job for life and there was plenty for all – a far cry from the previous month when some of the crew missed out on a feed altogether.

There were ominous signs that the weather was getting worse as the barometer dropped and the SE wind came up and tried to blow the judges tent away, so it was a hasty retreat back north after the BBQ.

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

Good waves reported from most of the crew over the Easter weekend, especially on Good Friday and during the week after Easter around the Neck and up to the Spit was very pleasant from all accounts.

There are a number of the crew who haven't paid their **2008 annual subscriptions** yet, so to those who haven't, no dough = no points.

April is going to be an **Old Mal round** and will include **replica models**. Fixed fin only - no fin boxes allowed. Let's try again next comp for surf that will accommodate the old boards.

Normie turned **60** and a gala night was held at Royal Pines for a few hundred of his closest friends and family. Congratulations you silly old fart. When are you going to start growing up, just by the way?

The NLC mid-year squirt. Stay tuned for news about a few quiet drinks at one of the local establishments – not for any particular reason other than just to be a bit sociable one Saturday late in May.

Byron Comp. The entry form for the Classic is attached for anyone keen to have a crack. It's always good fun from what I can recall.

CLUB SURFING CALENDAR

Sunday 13 April	Regular club round plus OLD Mal etc	At Narrowneck 7:00 AM
Thurs 17 April	Committee meeting.	At Normie's at 7:00 PM
Tuesday 22 to Sunday 27 April	Malfuction now at Kingscliff Or elsewhere on Tweed Coast	
Friday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday Burleigh LBC Dawn Surface	Sign on at the Pipe 6:00
Thurs 1 May to Saturday 3 May	Byron Longboard Classic Watego's	Start traning now. Commence with two cartons of mid strength per person per day and work upwards from there
Monday 5 May	Qld Labour Day Public Holiday	

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