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NEWSLETTER – July 2008

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**Next Club Contest: Sunday 10 August 2008 at
Narrowneck. 7:00 start**
Committee Meeting: Thursday 14 August 2008
At the Presidential Palace,
10 Cameron Crt, Ashmore 7:00PM

The Prez Report:

G'day fight fans,

Thought I would get an early report in or Uncle Paulie would start dropping in on me (lies, damned lies – Ed) and we can't have that because it would put Mumbles out of a job.

Back to reality, what a ripper comp day last month was, met with a good size swell with waves everywhere a good turn up of members and a cracker morning.

We had enough members to go the whole 2 rounds with 6 heats plus old mal and cadets and groms Fantastic. The wind stayed offshore all morning and even when packing up there was still waves, unreal. Some of the usual suspects went missing with some new names coming in first this time. Chris Evans, Angus Watson and Taipan Toovey pulled first round wins in their heats with some stand out rides and even yours truly snagged a couple of

good waves to have a win as well. A couple of the young brigade turned up a bit the worst for wear along with an older member who shall remain nameless, but soon sorted them out by cajoling them into the water, no staying power. As before our resident Chef Wayne P, cooked up another marvellous barby which was devoured quick time (along with all of the softdrinks). Our new trailer is on the road so a big thank you to Wazza for a great job repainting and tizzying everything up. All for now, hope there are waves for next comp and will see you in the green room soon.

Cheers Norm
Da Prez.

P.S. We have a new sponsor on board Jack Flash Printing, 5526 3300 anyone who needs some printing done ie stickers, account books etc give them a call, reasonable prices, friendly staff and on time. Remember support our sponsors.

THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

What the hell is going on? The very first line of his report and the Prez has besmirched my reputation for not dropping in. Charming. To drop in would indicate a certain desire to actually ride the wave, whereas I tend to merely bob about like a cork during most heats. As opposed to the aforementioned Mumbles – a notorious drop in. Anyway it was a nice crisp morning, light offshore, waves 3 to 4 foot. Tents up and the comp was underway in record time. Surf was a bit fickle with one heat I noticed (I think it was heat 5) had at least 39 waves (one bloke got 8, one got 7 and the other four got six waves each, while others were really scrambling to get their bare minimum. It was a huge day, 2 old fellas heats (with 6 in each), juniors, cadets, old mal, four heats of open. What a big effort. In the heat with all the waves the judges were really earning their money with surfers going in every direction.

We also had the additional bonus of whales cruising through the competition area not in any hurry to move on, must have been looking for Migaloo. Airdy was spotted wallowing in the shallows also looking like a washed up cetacean. Been in a good paddock then?

The Big Unit Aird has recently been heard on the morning ABC radio. Seems he is trying to take over as the roving surf reporter.

In the Old Mal round, Taipan, Coombsie, Grunta, and Johnny T surfed a mix of old mals and replicas and I reckon were the pick for the best surfing of the day with some excellent waves caught. Clearly those older heavier boards were better suited to the waves and are still competitive as witnessed by the fact that Taipan was using his for several months in the normal heats after his favourite McTavish was knocked off along with his car.

Current Club Open Champ Migaloo Cottle was also going hard and displaying fine form on the day.

Angus beat Grunta in round one, Coombsie was also surfing well so the stage is set for a dramatic finish to the year. Dave Cottle also surfing real well after breaking his board in a two foot beach break. Jackson Cottle also beat a couple of old blokes. Aaron was doing 360 degree spinners and switching feet.

Johnny T and Skiddo surfed well, so did Lochie Aird and James Patterson who is only suffering minor psychological scarring from the mooning he copped last month.

TTaylor was as smooth as ever, Bob McNeill scored a honker of a wave at the end of his heat from way out the back right to the beach and ended up somewhere down near Surfers Paradise

Mike Austin ran me over when I was taking photos, as I duck dived his leggie slid up my leg, fortunately without any effect on either of us, Kevy the crazed K1 was surfing well on a board borrowed from Widdo who showed up just to make sure his investment made it through the rounds unscathed. If anyone has Rooster Dell's phone number can they let Kev know as he is keen to have him shape one for him. (Try 5598 2984 Kev)

The Prez excelled jaggging first place in the first of the old blokes heats. Cunning old fox. All that business about having a crook shoulder looks like hot air. I reckon he is just timing his run for the pointy end of the season. I mean how crook can it be if he is off to Hawaii again?

Captain Chris Evans had the Pasha Bulka cranked up and was taking no prisoners, so the old farts comp is well and truly up for grabs. He now gets so many waves, that he must think he is the Prime Minister of Australia. (A bit obscure JB - Ed).

Those silly/brave enough to try to make it through the shore break got their just desserts much to the sadistic amusement of the crowd. We now have a few more nominations for wipe-out of the year.

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

The NLC "no reason" squirt. We have booked the Southport Surf Club to have a few quiet drinks not for any particular reason other than just to be a bit sociable. It looks like being the 3rd Sunday in September (the 21st). This is a family event so partners and sprogs (of all ages) are welcome. **Put it in your diaries now!!**

Accommodation has been booked for **Evans Head** comp in Sept/October, the entry forms will be sent out when available. We are planning on getting a special Team Narrowneck/Evans Head comp T-shirt made up for the occasion. If you are a starter, please **let Norm know at the next comp.** We need to get people committed so that we can finalise the costs.

I was sipping my extra skinny double decaf latte in my favourite coffee shop recently and the young blokes at the next table were talking about this bloke who had been dropping in on several of them at Woodroffe Ave at Main Beach. They described him as mid fifties, grey hair, bit of a paunch and wait for it, “a real loud gravelly voice”. Surely there can’t be two of them? Mumbles what have you done? Infamous.

The Brick and the Taipan and their respective better halves spent some time over on Moreton Island recently and report that the surf was going off with 3 to 4ft A frames off the beach and only a short visit from one small shark. Doesn’t get much better than that. Check the photographic evidence.

Norm and Joanie are off on their annual sojourn to Hawaii again so the Prez allegedly won’t be around for the next comp. And the Skydiver is down at Mt Hotham having a ski for the next few weeks.

My Bride and I spent the last few weeks across the ditch in the land of the Long White Cloud except the clouds were mostly grey, green and black. The upside was there was heaps of snow. NZ had a weather aberration on the west coast and the swell was averaging 11 metres for about a week with the largest wave peaking at 15m. The wintery photo was taken down at Scarborough Beach outside Christchurch.

The Supercoach, renowned stand up paddler and long time club sponsor Brad Holmes turned 54 last week and celebrated with a few hundred of his closest friends at a BBQ in Hollingdale Park last Sunday. Loud shirts were de rigueur. Word is that next season Big Brad is “making a comeback” to the competitive arena. Coming after you Migaloo, so watch out.

CLUB SURFING CALENDAR

10 August	Regular club round	At Narrowneck 7:00 AM
14 August	Committee meeting at Norm’s	All welcome. BYOG.
17 – 23 August	Oxbow Australian Longboard Titles	Port Macquarie

Apologies for the lateness of this report but my typing digit is still recovering from frostbite and thanks to the Brick for his contributions this month.

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