



# Newsletter April/May 2009

## CAMP OUT

A group of members camped at the caravan park and we had a great night trying out the new BBQ and sharing some laughs. Clive and Gail's bacon and egg rolls sold out during the morning – thank you for supporting the club this way and thank you to Clive and Gail for going the extra mile and Gerringong IGA for their support!

## BONJOUR

BY SAMANTHA KEATS

*I wrote the following report for the April pointscore and I apologise for not getting it out there last month. Wendy decided at the last minute not to come down and she had it with her. So, this may be slightly out of date (concerning my trip, which I am now back from) but I wanted to share this with you anyway.*

I am sitting here at 5am on Friday morning, trying to gather some thoughts for my report, but am finding this hard. Martin and I are off to Ireland and France for three weeks on Monday for my 40th birthday and there is not much room for anything else in my head!

March pointscore was another success although not the most perfect waves in the world, but I had fun in my heat and I hope you did too. We hope you are happy with the club t-shirts, I think they came out really well.

Thank you also to Mark and John for conducting the judging seminar before the first heat, and also to Ralph and Peter for being the "guinea pigs". I hope you all learned something new and continue to ask for help with judging – this is the only way to improve your judging skills and to keep the pointscores consistent and fair! There are just a couple of things that I noticed that require everyone's attention –

1. As soon as you arrive please let Bob know so he can tick your name off and get you into the correct heat. We will take names up until 7.15am and after that time, it is up to the discretion of the committee if we place you in a heat or not. If you know you are going to be late, give one of us a call so we can still put your name down. Our numbers are always on this newsletter and the website.

2. Don't surf within the contest area if you are free-surfing. This happened quite a bit last pointscore. You will be warned once and after that a penalty will be applied.

3. When paddling out for your heat, please paddle either side of the flags and not through the middle of the contest area. This makes it hard for those still surfing their heat.

4. If you are a new member, we have print outs of the rules so please see one of the committee members and we will get you a copy.

Seven Miles of Smiles Longboard Charity Classis is on next Saturday (2nd May) and I urge you to fill out the entry form if you haven't done this already as there are only about 10 places left. Bob has included an update with this newsletter. A lot of work has gone in already behind-the-scenes for this event and I just want to acknowledge Bob for taking the reins will I am overseas.

So as I head off on a long-awaited trip that I have dreamed about forever, my wish for Seven Miles of Smiles comp is to be filled with fun, laughter, friendship, sportsmanship, comraderie, and of course, smiles!

Au revoir





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### TWENTY QUESTIONS (-5)

with Samantha Keats!

**President and cool chick**

**Favourite surf spot...** Big Hill, Crescent Head

**Favourite board...** my new McTavish Original

**Favourite music...** at the moment, Emilliana Tourinni

**Favourite hero...** my dad

**Favourite food...** Indian

**Favourite drink...** Champagne of course!

**Favourite word...** Oui (French for yes)

**Favourite cartoon character...** Chop Socky Chooks (martial art chooks)

**Favourite animal...** Black cockatoo

**Favourite movie...** Chocolat

**Favourite book...** Just finished reading Cloudstreet by Tim Winton – excellent!

**Favourite article of clothing...** my Indian wool wrap

**Favourite gadget...** iPod

**Favourite saying...** C'est si bon (Its so good)

**Favourite time of day...** morning – so much peace around

### FOR SALE

**New travel guitar** (accoustic/electric), \$200 ono. Phone John 4234 2362.

**Samurai sword** (new) with cleaning kit, \$500 ono. Phone John 4234 2362.

**8' Hydrofish surfboard**, Robert August (Surftech), as new. \$1000 plus new travel cover, leg rope and tailpad. Phone John 4234 2362.

**9'6" longboard cover**, \$50. Phone John 4234 2362.

**Got something to sell?** Why not use this space for free. Just email Sam with details.

### Paddle Pops

FROM LUKE KENNEDY'S ARTICLE:  
'WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?'

SUPs, beach boy boards, sea sweepers, lake rakes or paddle pops. Whatever you want to call them, they're fun! We are quite familiar with these boards now, whether we've borrowed on, bought one, dodged one or just appreciated the manner in which they are ridden by someone who knows how to surf one. Whatever your thoughts are on SUPs, it has definitely gained momentum and now has very credible surfers carving on them. People like Luke Egan, Occy and Tom Carroll, to name a few, are devotees. The latest issue of SUP Journal features Laird taking on what the SUP crew call Real Jaws and surviving. They are being ridden in every kind of place and condition imaginable. For fun, for thrills, for love, for health, even for spiritual reasons. The main question with SUPs is not if, where, or why you use them, but how. If used wrongly, they are just as annoying as a goat-boat but if you use your head and surf a lonely patch of beach that befits your ability, then they can add a whole new dimension of fun to your surfing experience without making life miserable for others. Goat-boats, SUPs, mals, anything big (even egos) can make life miserable for others or put a big smile on their face!



### PROGRAM FOR 2009

#### Point scores

May 24	September 27
June 28	October 25
July 26	November 29
August 30	

#### Open Competitions

**Crescent Head Classic**  
27 to 30 May

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