



Newsletter AUGUST 2009

ERIN AT THE AUSSIE TITLES

BY HELEN DARK

Heats – Erin draws the toughest heat surfing against two of last years finalists Sam White and Rachael Pinsak, she places 3rd.

Repercharge - Erin places 1st in her repercharge. This morning Erin surfed again in the 2nd round of repercharge again placing 1st. This secured her a semi final place.

In the Semi Finals Erin again came up against Sam White and Rachael Pinsak. Rachael won the semi easily ahead of Sam White, putting them both through to the final.

David and I are very proud of Erin making it through so far in her first Australian Longboard title.



*I want to go to Curly beach
and ride the curly sea
just paddle out beyond the reach
of those who'd straighten me
I'd find a little curly shell
and hold it to my ear
and when id hear the distant swell
id know the coast is clear.*

Finally!

BY SAMANTHA KEATS

Hi everyone! First some exciting news - the new look Club Mal-nutrition website is live on the web! I have been working on this for some time and being new to the world of Dreamweaver, it took longer than I thought but now I can proudly say, that I have built my first website. The design was not an issue (seeing as I am a graphic designer) but the building of it. Thanks to Peter for his encouragement and answering my questions and to my friend Sally who is a web wiz. So from now on, please direct any info, classifieds or new you want included to me.

Congratulations to member Erin Dark who has competed in her first ever Australian Longboard title event. Erin made it as far as the semi finals and her mum Helen has a small report that I have included in this newsletter. What an amazing effort and I can't wait to see what the next year will bring for her. All I can say is "watch out next year girls!".

As you all probably know by now as its old news, Les Wade was bitten by a shark at Gerroa the day before our June pointscore. He came by my house a few weeks ago to collect his board and he asked me to pass on his thanks to all the members that gave him a hand that day.

Some of the members headed down to the Mollymook Longboard Charity Classis the weekend of the 8th and 9th of August. Sounds like they all had a great time and John has written a report for us.

On a sad note, Wendy's much-loved Dad passed away at the end of June. We send our love and support to Wendy and all her family at this difficult time and look forward to see her back in the water soon.

From this point score, there will be having new score sheets allowing for 0.2 and 0.5 increments. Bob had some issue sorting out last months results as most of the heats required a countback because they were all so close with only a few points seperating places. This will be especially useful for when there is small surf and manouvers are limited.

Good luck to John and Marko who headed off to Hawaii last Sunday for Duke's OceanFest. I'm sure they will have a ball! John gave me this poem before he left and I really loved it so thought I would share with you all

Au revoir
Sam





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Hooray for weekends

BY JOHN MANDYBUR

The Mollymook Longboard Charity Classis was attended this year by our club's Boots, Pete Potter, Merv, Corey, Bob, Clive and myself. The first day of the comp was held at Dolphin Point in pretty ordinary waves and by midday they had to move the troops down to a much better Gay Bay. All got knocked out of the first round but



we had a chance to claw our way back into contention through the repurchase heats. By late arvo Merv, Clive and myself had scraped through to the semi's. Unfortunately Bob, Boots and Pete had prior engagements they couldn't shake but they all surfed well and had fun and that's what longboarding is all about.

Early Sunday morning the semi's and finals were held at Mollymook beach and to the guys that couldn't make it, you didn't miss much. Merv had introduced me to some of the local surfers and muso's down there, so we checked out their gigs and I was blown away. Merv and I got to jam with them a bit as well and Merv is a great guitarist who even makes his own boards. So far we'd had a great weekend and it was going to get better.

It was early and the wind was favourable for so many other breaks. Merv looked at me and I looked at Merv, then we both said "let's go surfing". Narawallee was

great and no one was out but the whole beach was alive with very aggressive dolphins. A local turned up and even he said "no way!" So we checked out Gay Bay to see why the comp had been moved. It was bigger, better and longer than yesterday and only us out! Need I say more? Later we fought our way down the tracks and through the trees to "cough, cough". Only five surfers out and better than any comp site. We returned to the comp because I had to judge the finals and we were starving to death. Clive had come last in his heat so we didn't have anyone from our club in the finals but I like to think we all had fun, especially Merv and I.

Sometimes you've just got to think what's important to you, the soul and fun of longboarding and a great weekend away with friends or the trophy. Don't get me wrong though, I dig comps. There's nothing like surfing Crescent or Noosa with only five other guys in the lineup and I love meeting new people. I've even met and had a lengthy conversation with Joel Tudor! Hell, even as you're reading this I'm competing in the Duke Kahanamoku Festival of Surfing in Hawaii! Why? Because they'll only be five other guys in the lineup. The social side of longboarding is so cool. Sure, I've been lucky enough to win two comps and represent the south coast the State Titles, but I figure friends are forever and trophies fade away to a cardboard box in the garage under a coiled up length of rope, next to a few cans of paint with a big huntsman spider on the side! Again, I like the odd comp but I think that the surfing lifestyle is where you get the real rewards. But that's just me, see you out the back!



PROGRAM FOR 2009

Point scores

January 25	July 26
March 01	August 30
March 29	September 27
April 26	October 25
May 24	November 29
June 28	

Open Competitions

7 Miles of Smiles
Saturday 2 May
Crescent Head Classic
27 to 30 May

Presentation Night

December 12

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

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McTavish Fireball – 9'1 x 22" x 2 7/8, very good condition. \$850. Call Fred 0410 400 072.

Wave Creation – 9' x 24" x 3 1/4, \$350, good condition, boardcover needs new zipper. Contact Rick on 4464 1436 or 0405 498 974.

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