



Newsletter MARCH 2009

Seven Miles of Smiles Charity Longboard Classic 2009.

This annual comp was first introduced by John Mandybur a number of years ago to raise money for SurfAid and is a highlight of our club calendar. It's on again this year on **Saturday 2nd May** and we encourage you to get your entries in ASAP as there are limited places available. Download the entry form from our website www.clubmal.com.au or the ALB website www.australianlongboarding.com. Be quick, as there has been a lot of publicity for this within the NSW longboard community and we are expecting many other clubs to be competing. We will have some entry forms here for those that can't access a computer. I'm disappointed that I won't be here for this competition – I had already booked a trip with Martin to Paris for my 40th birthday last year before I became president. But you will all be in good hands with Bob, Clive, Ozzie, Gareth running the comp along with the much valued assistance from Mark and John. Good luck! Sam.

The 10 Commandments

BY JOHN MANDYBUR

1. Thou shalt not drop in.
2. Thou shalt not snake.
3. Thou shalt not use up all thy brothers wax.
4. Thou shalt not use up all thy brothers sunblock.
5. Thou shalt not perv on thy brothers chick.
6. Thou shalt not lie about the surf you had.
7. Thou shalt not hoot yourself on a wave.
8. Thou shalt not ring others and increase the crowd.
9. Thou shalt not take oneself too seriously
10. Thou shalt not claim to be something you will never be.

A THOUSAND THANKYOUS

BY SAMANTHA KEATS

Arriving at Seven Mile Beach last pointscore, I was feeling nervous and worried that our second pointscore for the year would have to be cancelled. But I shouldn't have worried. The waves weren't great but our members are. Everyone was positive and willing to give it a go, helped out lugging gear to the beach and back again, volunteering wherever they could and generally enjoying themselves. And for me, this is what this club is all about – fun and community. Thank you.

The waves didn't improve much over the morning and the wind tried to make things more difficult. Bob and I were pretty busy tallying so I didn't get to see as many heats as I would have liked but there were some standout surfers in my book, B graders Kingsley and Wendy, B Graders always continues to amaze me with their determination and joy and it's those people that continually remind me of my love of surfing and learning. Thank you.

Our club t-shirts will be available today and we were hoping to be able to offer them for free but with a new committee this year, we would rather keep a tight budget with the possibility of complimentary t-shirts next year. I hope you all like them. Also, Clive and Gail will be running the BBQ and selling the bacon and egg rolls every pointscore from now on – perfect breakkie post-surf! Thank you.

You will have all noticed Di Norris and her camera last pointscore, taking snaps on the beach and also doing our club photo for this year. If you didn't make the photo, you can email or give me a pic of yourself and I can photoshop it in! They are fantastic shots and we so appreciate your time and effort Di. Thank you.

The weeks following our last pointscore, I had many people offer their thoughts on the day and to congratulate the committee on a great morning. There is definitely a change in the energy of the club this year and I encourage you all to offer your thoughts and suggestions. It's the only way for this club to continue to grow.

Thank you.





PROGRAM FOR 2009

Point scores

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

Open Competitions

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

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DISABLED SURFERS 8TH ANNUAL GERROA 'HANDS ON DAY'

Once again, the charity organisation, Disabled Surfers Association is holding their annual "Hands On Day" at Gerroa on **Sunday 5th of April**.

It is a truly amazing initiative, offering experiential surfing activities to the full spectrum of disabilities and challenges. Club Mal has long been involved, with members volunteering their time and skills on the day.

10am Sunday 5th April
Meet in Emery Park (near the Seahaven Cafe in Gerroa)

THE WAVERIDER

BY GARY PALMER

On a 1967 sizzling summers day in Cornwall, England, the beaches were full of enthusiastic, lily white holiday makers, charging around catching tiny fish in nets, building sandcastles and getting sunburnt. But the big thrills came from using their plywood surfboards and skimboards.

Just carrying the board down to the water would get the adrenaline pumping. You could ignore the numbing chill of the Atlantic Ocean, with the anticipation of paddling into the first wave, the acceleration followed by the crashing wave. The huge smile, the satisfaction, the thrill. Screaming towards the shore on one of these timber boards would stay in the memory banks forever.

Forty-odd years later, that same sixties feeling has been resurrected in the form of THE WAVERIDER. This handcrafted board is based on the original ply board that was brought out to Australia by a family of Ten Pound Poms in 1968 - my family.

My interest was reignited with a gift voucher for surfing lessons a few years ago. I then uncovered the original board that we had brought with us all those years ago.

Having always enjoyed working with timber it seemed an obvious move to make a new version - the Waverider was born.

The board is made from marine ply, laminated and formed. It is thicker than the original, going from 3/8" to 1/2" and wider, 12 1/2" bulking up to 15 1/2" with an overall length the same as the original board of 3'11 1/4".

You may catch a glimpse of another ex-pat by the name of John Mandybur out on



TWENTY QUESTIONS (-5)

with John Mandybur!

Ex-president and life member

Favourite surf spot... anywhere the waves are fun and the people friendly

Favourite board... now, my UK replica ply body plank and my Hydro Fun Fish

Favourite music... stuff that makes you move and stuff that makes you listen

Favourite hero... If the bible is correct, then Jesus for sure

Favourite food... Thai, Italian, African - I love how multi-cultural Australia is

Favourite drink... Frozen margarita and very good coffee

Favourite word... quack - especially when ducks say it

Favourite cartoon character... Wiley Coyote - because he never gives up

Favourite animal... puppy on land, dolphins in sea

Favourite move... Moby Dick

Favourite book... River God by Wilbur Smith

Favourite article of clothing... Fluffy blue jacket and Sanuk shoes

Favourite gadget... Wax comb - I have simple needs

Favourite saying... That was the best wave of my life

Favourite time of day... dawn and dusk - I love the colours and tranquility

FOR SALE

1950s Reverse D fin, 9'6" Ron Gunn \$800. Phone John on 4234 2362.

Brand new 9'1" McTavish Fireball with legrope. New \$1500, selling for \$1000. Phone John on 4234 2362.

Fully sealed O'Neill 'Heat' steamer. XL, \$150. Phone John on 4234 2362.

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



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