



Newsletter OCTOBER 2009

SIXTY SECONDS WITH FREDDO

BY FRED SIASAT



Spending sixty seconds with Freddo is yours truly Fred Siasat.

At school I was good at... recess and lunch, ok at physics and chemistry

My Favourite surf spot... The Pass when it's not crowded (yeah right!)

My favourite travel destination... I have a few but my picks are Oaxaca in Mexico and Granada in the south of Spain.

My first board was... a Mead twin fin fish that I bought for \$40 (It's an oldie but a goodie).

What's playing on my ipod right now??... I dig all sorts of music but I like listening to soulful sounds that evoke emotion such as Buena Vista Social Club

If I wasn't me, I would be... James Bond
If my life was a movie who would play me?... Will Smith

Favourite food... anything that my missus whips up. We both love our food, so anything that appeals to the palette

Favourite drink... soy strawberry milkshake and I dig a fine coffee

Always in my fridge is... milk- my little boy smashes it.

If my house was on fire, I would grab... my missus, the boy, and my passport

My Favourite movie... Snatch, Pulp Fiction
Favourite book... Lonely Planet. I salivate when I plan my next adventure.

Favourite article of clothing... Ugg boots, and my thongs

Favourite gadget... ipod

I wish I had... studied harder at school

I wish I hadn't... quit classical guitar lessons

Favourite saying... 'Good gear, that' and 'I dig it'

I go by the philosophy of... it's not about the destination but the road trip in getting there.

Finally, if I was down to my last \$20 what would I spend it on? I would buy the missus some flowers.

It's getting closer...

BY SAMANTHA KEATS

Apologies for no newsletter last month, have been so busy with work and study and unfortunately the newsletter is way down on the list of things to do!

This pic of the Duke at Waikiki was taken by John on his recent sojourn to Hawaii for the Duke's Ocean Fest. I couldn't fit it on the back as part of John's story of his and Marko's trip so decided to put it here. It brings back so many great memories of my trip there last year. Everytime I walked past this statue, it was always covered with fresh lei's. I have a pic almost identical to this one and for me it sums up the spirit of the islands, the man and the people. Thanks John!



For those of you didn't turn up last month, you missed nothing – well except for a sensation free bacon and egg roll! As you have probably read one of Bob's emails, we had a small committee meeting and decided on the annual one-off comp being held on Saturday 5th December with a presentation afterwards. We've decided to call it "The Gerroa Longboard Classis". Comp forms will be up on the website this coming week.

We are heading towards the end of the year (how did that go so fast!) and that means there is only one more pointscore to go. Results will not be posted on the website now, as we want the results to be a surprise on presentation night. Tickets are now available to purchase from Ozzie – \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. This year it will be at the Shoalhaven Heads Sports Club Longboard Bistro, and the date is the 12th December. We are trying out some different things this year, with a special members door prize and instead of the prize table, every member will receive a gift worth a minimum of \$25. This makes it fair for all and doesn't leave someone with just a block of wax!

Fred has kindly taken it upon himself to do a spot of interviewing every point score. Fred suggested this and I loved the idea! We thought it would be a great way to get to know those people you don't and to get to know those that you do a little better. So if Fred approaches you, please say yes!

Di Norris has kindly offered to make her group shot available to anyone that would like a copy, so I have included her letter here with the instructions:

Hi Bob,

Thank you SO much for the emails and updates - greatly appreciated by us far, far away. If anyone would like a copy of the Club Photo I took a while ago (the nice one on the website header) if they bring a USB or disc to Oct or Nov comp days I am more than happy to burn that pic, and any others, onto it for them. I think it is a really nice group photo and I am sure some of the members would like a copy to perhaps get a print from. Once done I can bring them along on presentation night. Until next time ...

Warm regards from Diane Norris

Thanks Di so much for taking the pic in the first place and making this available to all, I really appreciate it.

Cheers,
Sam



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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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FOR SALE

8' Mini Mal – This custom board in mint condition. Includes travel cover and leg rope. \$550 o.n.o. Call Richard on 4464 1974 or 0413 413 960.

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

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

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.

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

Hi everyone, or should I say "Aloha"

BY JOHN MANDYBUR

Sam asked for a run-down on Marko and myself's recent sojourn to Hawaii to attend the Duke's Ocean Fest. I have already bent some of your ears with 'tall-but-true tales' of our trip and even burst a couple of eardrums with my electric ukelele. I've even flashed the odd member my new tattoo's and an array of cool t-shirts. I will try to make this short and sweet but, truth be told, I could write pages.

Local Werri legend Pucko, who used to be on the longboard circuit a few years ago insisted that I say "hi" to Hawaiian legend China Uemora, who is one of the most respected surfers and SUP riders on Oahu. Like others including the world famous Buttons, China fought his way up from the depths of gang life, cocaine, extortion and violence. Sure, he'll tell you quietly about the past over a few Tequillas and sometimes his "boys" will warn you to never do anything wrong by him, but a bigger success story would be harder to find. China now holds two of the biggest longboard comps in Waikiki - the China Uemore Legends Tour, that raises money for diabetes, and the Wahine Classic, open to females only and raises money for the fight against domestic violence and children.

Because of China, Marko and I were 1st and 2nd paddlers on the outriggers daily after we'd rode mals and SUPs out at Queens and Canoes. Breakfast and lunch was cooked right in front of our hangout where China and his crew were setup. The food was hot and free to all competitors who had an ID badge and we had one! China and his boys would not let us pay for anything. Even by ourselves the bouncers of the night clubs or bars would tell the doorman "they're with China".

Everyday China would call over my heros and introduce us and get them to sign my t-shirts.

We met Titus, Duane De Soto,

Lance Ho'okona, Duey, Buttons, Dino Meranda, Crystal, Bobby and Rabbit Kaiki (who surfs great at 90yrs old and was Duke's apprentice). We surfed with Karl and Sue Kanalanei, who introduced me to Jerico Poppler - who I named my first daughter after.

The Duke's Luau was amazing but one night China took us to a benefit night for a famous grid iron hero called K.P. who had developed cancer. We helped carry a big SUP that China had made onto the stage and, after thanking everyone for coming, said "the SUP was to get K.P. back in the ocean and a big thankyou must go to John and Marko from Australia who donated two longboards that are being raffled". We were thanked all night - even the mayor of Hawaii came over to thank us! China later said that he donates a lot to good causes and he doesn't like taking all the credit!

We meet more people, surfed more waves, saw more sights, and experienced more culture by the time the Quarterzone had worn off in my shoulder!

See ya and mahalo.

