

GOLD COAST MALIBU CLUB



**Newsletter 1
January 2010**

Next Club Round: This Sunday the 10th of January 2010.

NEWS TO DATE:

December was a huge round, with a good role up and we even surfed Rainbow Bay. The surf was a little inconsistent and filling in on the rising tide, add to this the Christmas Holiday's crowd and it made for an interesting club round. Yet again I have absolutely no idea who came away with the points so surfing once again was the winner! ☺

OTHER NEWS:

AGM: You could have knocked me over with a feather, the numbers that turned up to the December round were great and they all knew that the Annual General Meeting was going to be on. Thank you to everyone for coming along and having your say it is heartening to see that so many people are interested in seeing the club continue to grow. Everyone had previously read the points which were to be addressed at this meeting and I am glad to report that decisions were made.

- Item 1. There will be a club round every month, surf or no surf, at no stage will a club round be called off.
- Item 2, 3 & 15 It has been decided to limit the amount of travel associated with the club rounds. We will travel as far north as the end of Pacific Pde Bilinga and as far south as Snapper. It is thought that if we stay in the local area it will help attract more members, and let's face it to be able to surf competitively you need to be able to surf in all conditions. Also it will eliminate losing time by driving from beach to beach to beach... Our meeting place will still be in the Greenmount carpark out the front of MacDonald's. There will be no notice board left to tell you where we have gone to surf as it was thought that it may encourage people not to turn up on time.
- Item 6 & 7 Explain the Scoring system and to have a running tally in the newsletter. Both of these items were warmly welcomed so I will have to get back to you as soon as I understand the scoring system and get some more info of the Tallier, so stay tuned.

- Item 8 It was agreed that to get in the water earlier we are going to award points to people who arrive on time and to people who are still there at the end to help clean up.
- Item 9 Terry and Shirl have offered to organize a mail out to old members so could everyone please have a bit of a think and try to rustle up some addresses.
- Item 10 Advertising, it has been pointed out that advertising would help in getting information out to prospective new members, the ideas that were proposed are: (i) 12 month probationary membership if you purchase a new longboard from a local shop/shaper. (ii) a small ad in the free local Gold Coast Surf magazine. (iii) Put up A3 colour posters and possibly have some smaller flyers in surf shops. It was also suggested that we approach Andy Mac as a source for ideas about advertising. Trea has volunteered to approach the local surf shops, as soon as I have completed the membership promo, posters and flyers I will forward them to you.
- Item 11 The suggestion for more social outings did not take a lot of debating to get this motion passed. We are aiming to have about 4 social dos this year, Presentation Night, Christmas Party and at least 2 more things. i.e a weekend at North Straddie, and weekend down Yamba, a day at White Water World, a day at the horse races or a day out wine tasting..... So we will all have to stay tuned on this one.
- Item 12, 13, 14 & 16 Wave Limits and Heat Times are to be set at the beginning of each club round depending on the conditions; normally we will try to have 4 man heats for 20 mins with a 10 wave limit. A banner or sign will be erected at the location we are surfing at, to let people know what is going on
- Item 4 & 5 All food and drink will be purchased on the day of the club round at the discretion of the Contest Director or President
- Item 17, 18 & 19 It is my sad duty to inform you all that the Old Mal, Ladies, Juniors and Retro divisions have been mothballed until numbers and/or interest picks up again, for those of you who wish to continue riding old mals there is of course the Tweed Coast Old Mal Club, but for the time being we will only be surfing 9ft modern boards. It was mentioned that people would like to see the 9ft open club championship rounds come back again and there will also be a mystery round to be held at the discretion of the contest director, the mystery round could be riding soft tops or someone else's board or having a man on man round.... We'll just have to wait and see.
- The surfing year has changed this year, it will go back to the way it was years ago and follow the fiscal year (July to June), this really is only an excuse to get together in the middle of the year for drinks. For the points score until June we will be taking your 7 best results out of the possible 9 months surfed (Jan to June + the 3 months surfed last year)
- Sean is the go to guy for the website so if you have anything that you would like added to the website please see Sean or get it to me and I will forward it onto Sean for you. Photos would be a really good addition. It was also decided that all passwords or website contacts would be added to the clubs documents so that they don't get lost, and remain active.
- The times are to remain the same as previous years which was Sept through to April 6:00am (QLD time) start and May to August 7:00am (QLD time) start, this is due to the pelicans over the border having daylight savings.

- Club equipment is everyone's responsibility so if you are going to borrow club equipment please return it in the same working condition you borrowed it in, and this includes leaving the trailer in and neat and tidy fashion, it is not the trailer steward's job to be your mother and clean up your mess.
- A club calendar is under development so everyone knows what's happening and when, so as soon as it is complete I will forward it to you all

I would like to thank everyone once again for coming to the AGM and having voicing their opinion, these items which were discussed are by no way set in stone and will be reviewed at the end of year AGM (July 2010), so that we are continually trying to improve the club and keep it running happily for its members and to attract new members. Also I would like to send out my sincere thanks to Shirl for chairing the meeting and for keeping it moving along at a brisk pace.

On a lighter note it would appear Jacko has been talking to some people about joining our little band of misfits, so please make them feel welcome.

Malfunction 2010 entries are out now so if you are thinking of entering please see Sean or the website <http://www.malfunction.com.au/>

Also for those of you thinking of going to the Malfunction this year please stick your hand up to do a stint on the BBQ, please remember people this is the only fund raising we do all year, so if you would like to do more social things we need some capital in the bank to do them.

The Last Word:

My apologies to everyone, this has been a bit of a heavy newsletter but the AGM is a necessary evil, any way I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas / New Year period and if you got a break I hope you ate and drank too much and felt ill the whole time because I pretty much worked right through, but, a new year is well and truly upon us and as we are all starting to trudge back to work be strengthened by the fact that the cyclones will soon be here with her swell and after that the glassy conditions from the southerlies of the cooler months, so keep your chin up little soldier.

See you on Sunday.

The Super 8's Scribe Dean ☺