

# GOLD COAST MALIBU CLUB



**Newsletter 5  
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**Next Club Round:** This Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2010  
We will meet at the Greenmount carpark opposite MacDonaldis  
again, at 6:00 QLD time and 7:00 NSW time

## **NEWS FROM SEPTEMBER ROUND**

We had plenty of fun waves last round, probably about the 2foot mark with 1 bigger one in each set, out the front of the Greenmount carpark. Most of them were rights breaking across the outside bank (at tiems a bit too quick) and then fattig out in the gutter but as the day wore on they became heavily effected by the tide with the heats later in the day doing it a little tougher than the earlier heats but 'hey', there was motion in the ocean and we got wet so there ain't nothing to complain about. Great to see two more newbies coming down to check out the goings on, hope you had fun and we'll see you both this weekend.

A big congrats to Nic in stepping up to the seconds this round hope you keep surfing well

## **OTHER NEWS:**

### **TABULAM RACES**

Our venture to scout out the Tabulam Races as come and gone with us managing to get an invite back again next year!

I gotta tell you, driving to Tabulam you are defiantly driving though banjo country but it was great to get out and do something completely left field. As you head into town if you sneeze you will miss it (just ask the Burgers), there is a tiny little sign pointing off the main drag. So you pull off the road and down the side street which quickly goes from bitumen to dirt, this did not deter us at all, it was when we crossed the cattle grates and where ploughing our way through herds of the docile beasts with not a house in sight that I started hearing the banjos again. As mild panic set in and I started to think of ways to convince Billy Bob and Cletus I'm too pretty for those kind of prison shower shenanigans we came over the last hill to see a race track complete with white rails carved into the surrounding bush and farmland nestled neatly in the bend of the upper reaches of the Clarence River. With most of us getting in on the Friday afternoon, we set up the camps,

Mike took the kids for a blurt on the super high powered scooter we then calmed the kids down feed them and put them to bed and finally all settled in for a quiet ale or two.

Saturday morning or RACE Day was upon us quicker than I would have liked but as I raised from my peaceful slumber and looked around outside the tent I began to worry that no one else in Australia was going to be there, (the weather was a bit dicey) so Gary and Deb Gleave with Sal in toe donned their swimming costumes and the boys and I drove them back into town so they could paddle the Clarence back to the track. On arriving back at camp and still not a soul around at the track Andrew and I took the kids down to the river for a swim. To much excitement we greeted the 3 happy travelers back and proceeded to commandeer their kayak and continue on down the river. As we come ashore around the bend and climbed the bank back to the track for as far as you could see there were cars filing into the camp ground in the middle of the track (this is about midday about 1 hour before the first race) it was amazing to watch one minute no one, the next, people were coming from near and far dressed in their finery ready for a day at the races. The club ran a sweep and there was a mad dash to the betting ring to get bets on at the start and to collect at the end of each race. There were activities for the kids and a bush band to help things ticking along in between races but at the end of race 5 it was like a gun went off the place emptied out in seconds to leave us (and the other campers) alone again. It was all some what surreal. After the big cook up in the morning it was back to packing up the camp and trekking back home or I n the case of a couple of a resident 'grey nomads' heading on further down the track to another great spot they had heard about a it further south. A quick thank you to Mike for organizing the food and cooking it all up and to everyone for helping us setup and pull down for I had my hands full all weekend with frozen peas...

Has everyone received their invite to the Christmas do and RSVP'd if you haven't please give Trea a ring NOW! Just remember no RSVPs no Xmas party.

Could everyone (including life members) please ensure that their contact details are current

#### COMPETITION SURFING IN A CLUB

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone a couple of the basic rules to competing in a surfing club.

1. Everyone should be on time, so a decision can be made and things can get under way quickly
2. Accept the Contest Director's decision
3. Everyone should help set up
4. Get your name down quickly so heats can be drawn up
5. Judge two heats before yours, in a club situation you will need to judge more than once, help new members to learn how to judge, you were new once. Maybe encourage them to spot as a good way to start
6. Remain close by to be ready to go out or help out or even socialize (it is a club after all)
7. Do not go for a free surf in the area it will lead to disqualification
8. Check you colour with the contest director before heading off
9. Enter the water on the yellow flag from the previous heat
10. Surf within the area the contest director has indicated. If you surf outside this area you may not be judged.

11. Stay out of the way of the previous heat, its their turn
12. Do not catch any waves
13. Surf your twenty minute heat when the flag changes to green. Just remember this is a social surfing club snaking (paddling inside people) and dropping in is both illegal in competition resulting in disqualification and plain and simply it is not nice so remember no one is getting a sheep station at the end of the days play. In twenty minutes you only need two waves, that is all that will be tallied at the end
14. When the flag is yellow you have 5 minutes left of your heat
15. Red means your heat is finished
16. Come in from your heat laying down or at the very least without your rashie on (if you lose it you bought it)
17. Return you rashie to the contest director
18. Go back to the top and do it all over again
  
19. At the end of the day help pack up

### THE LAST WORD

In an effort to help the club foster good will and help it grow I would like to suggest the following:

**To the older members** guide the newer members and help them become better surfers through encouragement and hopefully they will pass on this knowledge to the next generation coming through. The knowledge learnt I am sure will be how to surf better but also how to communicate and behave in the water

**To the newer members** remember to be humble enough to accept the guidance from the older members and listen to what they say, some of these men and women have been around long enough to know a thing or two, they may even have made the same mistakes you are making. If they wanted to they could probably surf rings around you! So relax sit back a watch and see how good surfing can be when you have nothing to prove.

I hope it all didn't get too heavy by the end but I thought with a couple of new members around it was a good chance to point out the easy rules to remember. Club surfing (as I see it) is a great way to get to know people, have some fun and learn how to compete (if that floats your boat) so you can go to the bigger invitational's like the Malfunction, Noosa Surf Festival, Crescent, etc

Everyone keeps saying that longboarding is a crusie, laidback, welcoming and above all fun lifestyle choice so whilst everyone is make sure they are having their fair share of fun please spare a thought for the person next to you and ensure that you are not raining on their parade at the same time.

Bugger this I need a surf see you Sunday

See you in the Soup

The Super 8's Scribe Dean ☺