

GOLD COAST MALIBU CLUB



Newsletter 6
June 2010

Next Club Round: This Sunday the 20th of June 2010.
We will meet back at the normal spot, Greenmount carpark
opposite MacDonalds

NEWS FROM LAST ROUND:

Was the John Flynn Hospital Classic at Flat Rock with money being raised going to the Heart Foundation. What a day, the doctors and nurses really know how to turn it on, with a special mention going out to Trevor Williams who's tireless efforts in the weeks leading up to the event and on the day helped make the event the success it was. The surf on the other day didn't really come with the right attitude even still it was a huge amount of fun, being a sucky closeout which only got more sucky and closed out more as the day went on... awesome ☺

The team from John Flynn really knew their way around a short board, putting on good display of what to do if you are a little short in the foam and fibreglass department. The shortboards possibly got the best of the conditions with some great speed runs, floaters, reos and the odd spray of water from a board being slashed across the open face of a wave. We on the other hand, showed what it was like to return to our youth and had to learn to surf a teeny weeny little board again. With the exception of a few, we shimmed and shook, wiggled and wobbled our way along the face of the wave, having said this everyone looked as though they had a blast doing it.

Then, when the tide was sufficiently low enough and closing out good a proper it was time to send out the long boards. Everyone, put on a awesome display including the John Flynn team in what had become quite trying conditions to hold a longboard comp, but why would you go anywhere else, we had the place to ourselves.

The John Flynn Team took away the trophies with Super8's securing the longboard cong but I don't think anyone was that interested in trophies on the day because the feeling on the day was one of fun with no one taking it seriously and lets face it with the pressures of work, family and other commitments in our everyday life we all need a rest from the serious side of life and return to being child like and having fun at the beach. This good vibe was quite refreshing because sometimes comps get so competitive and big that they loose that element of fun and sense of community. So I hope that this comp is back again

next year with the same feeling of fun and easy going good will to all in the surfing community. Thank you for the invite to participate in your comp it was a great day don't change a thing.

P.S – Did everyone check out that Diverse Board which was given away at the end of the day? How good was it! I know I sat there with everything crossed hoping it would be my name called out but alas and my wife's pleasure it went to one of the Doctors. Damn it, next time groovy little board, next time...either that or I have to convince my darling beloved that I need to go to Diverse, I suppose, to talk to them of matters of great importance. ☺

OTHER NEWS:

Thank you to Gary and Deb and Jacko for our night out on the town, dinning and dancing interspersed with the odd cool beverage. I think for a first foray back into do the odd social thing away from surfing I think it was a good night out. Gary and Deb tried to teach us all how to do a basic swing dance and well for a bunch of nibble footed surfers we dance like we are jealous of people with two left feet! I know I spent most of the night looking at the floor and my feet and wondered why they were no longer under my control, this would have to be the closest I have come to an out-of-body experience, thankfully without the probing. Once the mess from the 'Murder on the dance floor' had been cleaned up we were onto the Karaoke and my god who knew Matty Alderidge was such 'singstar' champion! All in all the night was full of laughs, so hopefully in the future we can do more social nights.

Don't forget we are working on trying to have our Presentation Night on the July the 17th, so if you have any suggestions don't be afraid to come forward and either email/ring Jacko or myself.

The Tweed Coast Old Mal club hosted the Wintersun QLD Old Mal Titles at Coolangatta beach and our some of our members faired exceptionally well again this year, with Neil Smith (member of TCOMC and Super8's) taking out the seniors division and Matt Alderidge taking out the juniors (were channel bottom boards around in the 60's). Others to do well were Cocky and Mat Marshall on my board! (yet again my board makes another final without me). So congrats to all members who competed and to Wal for putting together another great day.

For anyone who is interested Lost Tribes (Fish Eaters) is on next weekend

To review the year that was I would have to say that it was quite a muddled year, with not many members fronting up to surf, but after a false start the club is now looking as though it is heading in the right direction. I would like to highlight two members that over the past year have really embodied what the club is all about and just shows how on the ball the members can be which in turn shows that the future of the club is in good hands.

1. It was during the peak of the turmoil a couple of months ago with the club lacking direction that Sally Paxton stepped up and showed that we must blunder ahead no matter what life throws up in front of us, sadly for Sal life had thrown up in front of her a parked truck. After consuming a few light ice shandies and deciding that it would be better to ride her bicycle home rather than drive, Sal rode flat out into the back of a *parked* truck! After picking herself up off the bitumen Sally

continued on home a little bloodied but her pride was still intact because she got up and got on with life (that and the knowledge no one saw her). We are yet to see the video footage of this inspirational act! (If you have any footage please forward it to me)

Matty Alderidge most recently told an inspirational story to me that you must always be cool especially under pressure. At work not too long ago Mat met the famous moto rider and crazy man, Carey Hart and his wife, Mat was like a kid in a candy shop but was desperately trying to keep his mojo together. During this meeting Carey went outside for a smoke and left Mat and Carey's wife inside to chat (brave move, Matty would give any gigolo a run for their money, but that's another story) trying to get his breath back our cool as ice Matty thought he would make small talk with Carey's wife, you know –

“What do you do”

“Oh, I work in entertainment”

“Oh yeah, how's that working out for you”

“Alright, I suppose”

“Good on you for giving it a go”

Carey returns....long story short Mat was so taken by the appearance of Carey that it seems that he had forgotten that Carey Hart is married to PINK (one of the biggest names in entertainment)

Nice work on staying cool!

I'm sure your mojo has remained intact

Up coming Comps:

July

Scotts Head

August

Lennox Longboard Comp

Aussie Titles – Port Macquarie

September

National Old Mal Titles – Crescent Head

Mali Masters

October

Evans Head Invitational

Don't forget it is Annual General Meeting time so if there is anything that you thinks should be discussed please let Jacko or me know

1. All positions will be up for nominations
2. I would like to see an actual committee driving the club so all the responsibilities do not rest on the shoulders of one person, with the committee meeting once every second month (outside of a club round)
3. Review all decisions made at the Extra Ordinary Meeting in January
4. ... Add your items here

The Last Word:

I hope you had fun reading this.

Thank you to all those who have helped the club over the past year especially Jacko and his *team* of helpers, we look forward to everyone's on going support and involvement for the year to come, and know that for anyone that decides to take on a role in the committee can rely on those around them to help make this coming year a successful one.

Look forward to seeing everyone this Sunday for a surf

The Super 8's Scribe Dean ☺

Does anyone know what the tally is at for 'Clubman of the year'? Will Shirley get it over the line? How many points is having to live with Tezza worth? ☺

If you are thinking of becoming involved in a longboard club we'd love to see you there on Sunday at the Greenmount Carpark opposite MacDonalds at 6:30

Take It Easy

Dean