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The Ventura Surf Club exists to preserve, promote and perpetuate the values, beliefs and essence of surfing.



EL JEFE'S MESSAGE

Well, Hello & Goodbye [not really, well sorta];

I guess it's come time to put the reins of power down, and retreat back into the relative obscurity of a mere member, but wait, that comes too easy. Easy, is being a part of a large group, being hidden in the numbers. When I joined the club, I asked if there was a small part I might play to help out the club in some way. I became the Beach clean-up coordinator, wrote small announcements in the newsletter to get members to come out and spend some time to make our beaches look better, a small thing, but things like, suggestions, ideas, help with an event, being there, make the club successful. Small things

It takes a lot of small things to make a club work, and I could not have had success as president but for the help of so many, in so many ways. I would like to first thank Keith Akins, who first tricked me into saying that I might like to hold an office at some future date. That future was only minutes away as I was volunteered that night. Thanks to Bruce Douglas who keeps an eye on the club finances, and is a leveling influence in all club business. Thanks to Link Teffeteller, the shoulder to lean on, the sounding board for all the goofy ideas that run in and out of my head, and the thoughtful prankster who will forever be Amanda [a man duh!]. Thanks to Jimmy Gray who, single handedly has kept our club competitive in the Coalition of Surf Clubs standings, and takes a big hit to his wallet when people back-out, or just don't show up. We owe him many thanks. Thanks to Mike Mariani who took the club into the cyber-techno-wizbang age and produced the best web site I've ever seen, and on and off [as needed] as the newsletter editor, and so many good ideas, I've lost count. Thanks to Jeanette Rameri, for all of the contestant trophies, family pictures, and all the raffle prizes she has made with her own hands, our, truly, crafty Club Mom. Also thanks to her daddy-o Joe, and Norm and the Soul Surfers Band who have kept us rocken' these past years. So many thanks to so many others for their kindnesses, and help in making 6 years of happy memories, and a lifetime full of good friends.

Even though I won't be at the head of the club, I'll stay around as long as the club will have me as a member, and will add my help as much as I can. It's been a good run, and now is the time for others to step up, to add your piece, give that small thing that's in you. To paraphrase some old soldier, ' Old Surfers never die, they just stop.....

Goin' left,
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2007 Luau

The annual VSC luau was held on Sunday, January 20, at the Poinsettia Pavillion with an attendance of about 80 people. Attendees enjoyed live surf music from The Soul Surfers, a slide show (thank you to Link and Shelly Patterson for providing the DVD's), some great raffle prizes. The two raffle surfboards went to Mike Milner and Andrew Robinson. This is the fifth year in a row that Andrew has won a surfboard! Once again, Andrew donated his board to the Arden Taylor Surf Benefit – what a guy! Jeannette Rameri roamed through the party taking pictures, instantly printing and mounting them on very cool commemorative folding cards. Jeannette also made the contest participant trophies and her daughter Amanda made some very cool gingerbread hula cookies – very cute! What a creative family! Thank you!

Outgoing president, Art Simmons was presented with a not-so-nice beater board as a thank you present. He was then told that a “real”, Craig Angell board was on order for him as a thank you for all his years of service to the club.

LUAU THANK YOU'S

Debra Jordan for bringing the great hors d'oeuvre s
Ana and Sue for all the check-in and raffle sales.

Marilyn and Katie for all the decorating.

Ted and Lynne Toledo for their donations.

Everyone else that made the luau so much fun!

Blinky from Ventura Surf Shop and Randy from WaveFront for the excellent deals on raffle loot!

2008 Arden Taylor Dates Announced

The annual Arden Taylor Surf Benefit IX at C Street will be held on March 29th and 30th, 2008. This year's event benefits Ross Blasman, Ana Osgood and Matthew “Big Worm” Joyce. For more information or to sign-up online, visit <http://www.ardentaylor.com>

Giant Waves Frozen in Arctica!

The next time you complain about the cold water, remember this photo of a giant wave frozen while breaking in Antarctica!

For more photos of frozen waves, check out <http://www.venturasurfclub.org/newsletter.html>



Thank you to member Bob Groom for these photos.

Newsletter Update

We have a new editor for our monthly newsletter. The ever-creative Jeanette Ramieri will be taking over the job. We hope to have her up to speed with the next issue.

We can always use stories for the newsletter, so please be sure to send them to info@venturasurfclub.org

SIGN UP FOR 2008!
IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2008
SIGN-UP AT OUR FIRST INTRA-CLUB CONTEST
FEB 10, At Middles
AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING - FEB 12, At Yolie's
PLEASE SIGN UP SOON!



Intra-Club Events

Date	Day	Event	Host / Location
Feb 10	Sun	First 2008 VSC Intra-Club Contest	Middles
Feb 12	Tue	February Club Meeting – 6:30 pm	Yolies 26 Garden Street Ventura
Mar 10	Tue	March Club Meeting – 6:30 pm	Yolies 26 Garden Street Ventura
Apr 6	Sun	VSC Intra-Club Contest and Monthly Meeting NOTE: The VSC monthly meeting and BBQ will be held after the contest on the grassy area at the end of Figueroa Street. Bring your own drinks/meat for BBQ and a side dish to share. THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING ON TUE, Apr 8	Middles

Intra-club contests start at 7 a.m. - Please arrive 30 minutes early.
Intra-club contests are open to all current members. Entrant fee: \$5.
Points earned accumulate towards members annual totals for trophies.

Coalition and Other Events

Date	Day	Event	Host / Location
Feb 16/17	Sat/Sun	The Big, Bad and Ugly Annual Surf/Golf Contest Contact Jimmy Gray (805)643-5869 for sign-up	Estrero Bay Surf Club Morro Bay
Mar 29/30	Sat/Sun	The annual Arden Taylor Surf Benefit visit www.ardentaylor.com for info & sign-up This event is open to all surfers	C Street
Sep 20/21	Sat/Sun	The annual C Street Longboard Classic www.cstreetlongboard.com This event is open to all surfers	C Street

For the most up to date calendar information, visit www.venturasurfclub.org
Coalition events require sign-up and prepayment. Contact Jimmy Gray, VSC away contest coordinator.

Surfer, battling lung cancer, creates an uplifting Web site

For as long as he can remember, Paul Wadley has pondered his purpose in life and how he can make a difference. Now 59 — and recently diagnosed with lung cancer — he believes he has found some answers. "I realized that you make a difference by being who you are, expressing who you are and taking responsibility for yourself," said the Ventura resident and longtime surfer, who was diagnosed in February and is now undergoing chemotherapy. "In that way — in my mind — you eliminate one more problem for the world." With that, he created VisualizeWorldPeace.net, a no-frills Web site that offers Wadley's insights through T-shirts emblazoned with his own watercolor designs and quotations that inspire. "The different colors that splatter across the world represent the five colors of races that live here on Earth," he explained. "The elliptical and homolosine worlds also have the five different colors to represent the races. That is the only way we are really different from one another — the color of our skin."

Above is an excerpt of story from Ventura County Star. To view the entire story,

<http://venturacountystar.com/news/2008/jan/04/paul-the-peaceful-warrior-surfer-battling-lung/>

Paul's web site: <http://www.VisualizeWorldPeace.net>

Paul has been a member of VSC and Surfrider, volunteering many hours of his time in various positions. Link brought some of Paul's shirts to the luau for members to purchase.

Some More Aloha

Anybody who surfs at C-Street in the early morning probably knows T-Bone and his dog Corey. If you don't, T-Bone is a very different kind of homeless person. He does live in the riverbottom, but he wears a watch, gets up before dawn every day to make it all along the bike path to get the cans and plastic bottles for recycling, he buys the newspaper every day, and reads books. He *rarely* ever asks for anything because he is pretty self sufficient, and he took such good care of Corey. For the past couple of weeks he has been telling us that Corey was not feeling so well, and had been to the vet twice and had been taking antibiotics. This morning when I got out of my car, there was T-Bone waiting for me and not looking good at all. It turned out that Corey's kidneys were shutting down and they had to euthanize him yesterday. T-Bone is my friend and I asked him if he needed any kind of help and he actually *asked* me to take him to the pound in Camarillo because he really wants another companion dog. I told him I'd pick him up just before 3pm today, and then.....he left to go recycle and I went and told all the morning guys what had happened and asked if anyone could chip in a few dollars to help pay for the new dog since it costs \$100 to adopt an animal. (T-Bone manages to save money so that when it is terribly rainy, he can get a room at Motel 6 where they allow dogs, but his savings would get eaten up). Well, in an hour, I am going to pick up T-Bone with \$80 to give him towards the adoption.

And that is the spirit of Aloha if you ask me!

Leslie B.

Volunteers Needed!

If would like to perform one or more of the duties below, please contact Link Tefeteller or Michael Mariani

Club President!

Run the monthly meetings.

Schedule and plan various club events.

Attend contests

Intra-Club Contest Coordinator!

Help schedule contest dates and venues.

Maintain contest supplies.

Bring contest supplies to events and coordinate/run events.

Beach Clean Up Coordinator!

Schedule 4 clean up events per year.

Schedule equipment & supplies from city.

Organize volunteers at the event.

Secretary!

Take minutes at meetings.

Type up minutes for uploading to the website and for use in the newsletter.

Club Photographer!

Attend events and take digital photos. Supply files for uploading to the website and for use in the newsletter.