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

Sometimes Life is Good

Today was one of those days that makes all the hard work worth it!

We had so much fun surfing, hamming it up for the camera and eating like kings! Thank you to everyone that showed up -- one of our largest intra-club contests in a long time! We had 32 surfers in the contest!

Thank you to... Russ for running the contest, Jimmy for organizing the BBQ, Carlos for bringing the meat, John for handling the shirts and the many, many members that stepped up and helped judge, set up, break down and make our day so much fun!!!

The old program (just like me) that I use to maintain our club website (Trellix) finally died today. I've been learning the Dreamweaver program and was planning to update our site soon. I guess it's ready or not, here it comes... I was able to capture the old site and make some modifications to it before it stopped updating. I loaded one of the club photos we took today.

When you visit the site, it will allow you to view the old site and take a peak at the new site as well. Soon, the new site will be live and the old site will be retired. It has served us for five years and provided a tremendous amount of information for the club. Oh well, out with the old and in with the new! Enjoy! *Michael Mariani*



Message From The President

Dear Ventura Surf Club Members,

Once again, our August event was the place to be! The combined intra-club contest, monthly meeting and pot luck barbecue format is a winner and we will definitely do those again next year. The best part for me was to see how everyone came together to make this event so much fun. I wish to once again thank everyone that helped out. John Jacobson, our new T-shirt coordinator passed out the new shirts. If you were not able to make this event, John is usually at Middles most weekends. We will also have the shirts at all events between now and the luau. I want to remind everyone that if you do not pick up your shirt by the luau, it will become cannon ammunition for Link or Keith at the luau. The club photo was fun too. The shots from my camera are on the website. If you want a printed copy, let me know. It's September, so that must mean... C Street Longboard Classic on Sept. 13 & 14. If you have not already signed up, there is still room at the time of this writing - get on it! We can always use extra volunteers, so please contact Link or Michael Mariani if you can help. The website had an un-scheduled face lift after the old software program retired unexpectedly. I hope you like the new format! We have decided to move our meeting place. **NEW MEETING PLACE AS OF SEPTEMBER 9: PARADISE GRILL & BAR (former Chuy's) 2632 E. MAIN STREET. SEPTEMBER MEETING INCLUDES PREVIEW OF DAVE OGLE MOVIE, REFLECTIONS. DAVE WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER AT OCTOBER MEETING.** Come check out the new meeting space!

Live Like Larry, Share a Wave!

Michael

P.S. I mentioned the new Ventura Surf Club You Tube account. It only contains a couple of videos so far, from our first day with the camera, but I hope to post more soon. If you are interested in filming with the new waterproof camera, please let me know – I could use some help with this !

View it here <http://venturasurfclub.org/videos.php>



Do Anteaters Surf?

This past September I moved to Irvine, to attend University of California, Irvine. When I found out how close the beach was, I was psyched. Newport was just over fifteen minutes down the road, much shorter than the hour I'm used to driving from Santa Clarita to Ventura. As school started, and I found myself surfing everyday, I thought, "Oh man, I should study more this could be an issue."

I would drive to Doheney and enjoy the cleanliness, sunshine, and fun lefts. I found San-O to be about 30 minutes from campus, and in the week before school started, I couldn't believe all the surf options that I had been so lucky to move closer too.

School started, and I thought my surf time would dwindle, but I found that UCI had a surf team, and I went to try outs. I had to surf a 4 foot beach break on a cold, rainy day, and I was less than excited. The wave in Newport, as I soon found out, is much steeper and faster than my usual point break in Ventura. But I went out and caught a few waves and managed to throw in a switch stance for good measure. There were 12 boys, they took 6 for the N.S.S.A. open college team and two girls, but basically all 20 people that tried out were on team or back-ups. I guess there aren't many surfers attending UCI. None the less, I was on the team and would have never imagined the fun that was in store for me my freshmen year.

The two other girls on the team longboarded, so we would wake up early and surf. Courtney, one of my new found surf buddies, said she knew a spot that would be closer to school than Doheney was. So one day we went to Blackies in Newport. It was eleven minutes from my dorm parking lot to the beach. We went out and it was a sunny, glassy, 3-4 foot day, and we were smiling for hours. There were good lefts and rights, and to make our new found beach even better... it was sandy! Courtney and I were so excited to have a fun longboard place, among all the short boarders in Newport, that was much closer to school than our other options.

The team, dressed in our team gear, went to several N.S.S.A competitions. We'd hang out at the beach all day and watch the surf. It was the perfect way to spend a few weekends. Only a couple of our guys would advance, and since the girls were longboarding, we were out of place. N.S.S.A doesn't have a girls longboard division, so we had to surf against the shortboarders and got no points for any longboard style, but did get points for UCI having girls surfing. So each contest we'd paddle out on our longboards and feel SUPER out of place... but at least we had UCI pride and got the boys some points.

The majority of the time we didn't have any competitions, so we'd call each other and say it was practice, but really we were just going to surf and hang out. Sorry Mom and Joe for all the times you called and I couldn't talk because I had "practice" or an "important meeting"(I was really surfing). We'd all go to the "Surf House," which was a house in Newport where a lot of the boys on the team lived, and we'd BBQ and look at the pictures that the photo club had taken of our session earlier that day. I never would have thought that I would find a group of people so fun, into surfing, and accepting of me among all the studious UCI students.

Our major event that we planned last year was the Orange County premiere of "Drive Thru New Zealand." We set up a tent on campus and handed out hundreds of fliers to our fellow Anteaters, but with most of the fliers we handed out, we knew they'd just get thrown away... let's just say UCI is not full of the "beach crowd." But then the night came and we filled the 400 plus seats in the lecture hall. Most of the people were friends of friends, but we had some people come from other beach communities. One of the boys worked at a surf shop and managed to get us a whole bunch of sandals, suits, skateboards... well you name it and we raffled it off. Another guy surfs for Wellen Surfboards, so we raffled off a nice short board. We raised enough money to pay our team dues, and had a total blast in the process.

Surfing in Irvine has been a learning experience for me. The wave is steeper and faster, so I've been trying to short board, and that's been fun and humbling, and made me feel like a kook all over again. I am enjoying the new experience though. I missed Ventura and my other home breaks when I'd go weeks with one foot junky surf or when I'd be surfing and having a great time, but I knew no one in the line up to joke with and smile at.

So as my summer comes to an end, I can't wait to get back to surf with my friends and work on my shortboarding. However, I will miss surfing Ventura, cutting my mom off and having her yell at me, I'll miss Joe encouraging me and telling me to learn to kick out because my endings really suck, I'll miss surfing with my uncle and his funny antics, I'll miss my brother yelling at me to WALK!!! I'll miss Omar blocking for me and going left so I could have the best rights, and seeing all the familiar faces and asking them for advice. Thanks everyone for making my summer at home enjoyable and SO SO SO much fun surfing.

Keeping the peace, love, and beach clean, - **AMANDA HEETLAND**





Walden Surfboards "Signatures" board sells for \$16,000

This years annual UCSD Cancer Center Luau and Longboard Invitational, benefiting the Rebecca and John Moores UCSD Cancer Center saw another great live auction. One of the highlights of this years event was the sale of a 9'0 Walden Longboard for \$16,000.00. This was no ordinary surfboard but a collaborative effort with the surf industries most remarkable surfers, legends & personalities.

The 9'0 Balsa Limited Edition magic model hand shaped by Steve Walden was laminated with the collected signatures of over 55 surf greats. Walden Surfboards spent over 2 months tracking down surfers from around the world for their signatures. "We are honored to have a full spectrum of the surf industry represented on the board including longboarders, shortboarders, legends, current competitors, shapers, writers, promoters, and of course the women." says Brandy Herrin who initiated the project. Brandy says it was an interesting process tracking down surfers who travel the world, usually to very remote places with out phones, FAX's or e-mail. Just a few of the amazing people whose signatures are on the board include: Rabbit Bartholomew, Randy Rarrick, Shaun Tomson, Greg Noll, Drew Kampion, Linda Benson, Bob McTavish & Al Merrick.

Steve Walden was just hoping the board would get about \$7000-\$9000.00, he was stoked to see the board sell for \$16,000. " This event is very special to me and I am especially proud that our donation this year was a collaborative effort with so many of my friends and colleagues" says Walden.

The "Signatures" board was won by Fernando Aguerre of Reef, the board will be added to his famous private collection of surfboards. "We are very proud to have this board

Club Events

September 9	Tuesday	September Club Meeting – 6:30pm - <i>New Meeting Place</i> <i>Come and watch the Dave Ogle movie Reflections</i>	Paradise Grill & Bar – 2632 E. Main (Old Chuy's)
October 11	Saturday	* * * Ventura Surf Club Intra-Club Contest	The Wall (aka Signals or Tropicals) Between Faria and Hobsons – Look for the train signal
October 14	Tuesday	October Club Meeting – 6:30 pm. <i>Guest Speaker: Dave Ogle</i>	Paradise Grill & Bar
October 24 and 25	Saturday & Sunday	Hobson Camp out and Halloween Costume Surf Contest with the Santa Barbara Surf Club	Hobson State Park
November 9	Sunday	* * * LAST Ventura Surf Club Intra-Club Contest	Solimar
November 11	Tuesday	November Club Meeting – 6:30 pm.	Paradise Bar & Grill



If You Are Ever In Haleiwa, Hawaii



Recently Jeanette and I were in Hawaii to see the Duke Aloha Festival. As we usually do we took a drive to the North Shore just to do our “tourist” thing. While we were there we visited an old acquaintance who owns the Strong Current Surf Shop and a restaurant next door. He asked us to hang out for a while because he wanted us to come back and see something.

We stayed around in town for about an hour and then went back to the surf shop. Johnny, the owner, took us a couple of doors down to this family house with a lot of artsy surfboards all around. We went inside to see a fully operational music studio with two grand pianos, drums, guitars and bass, amps, a Hammond B-3 organ and much more. As a musician, I was impressed to say the least. After a short time six young kids picked up the instruments and started playing. Turns out it was a family band of Dad, Mom and eleven children! They played a one hour free concert and were fantastic. The play what you might call a stream of consciousness style going from one song to another without stopping.

The man who runs the show is dad, Ron Artis. He is the leader and has taught all the children to play. All this right off the main drag in Haleiwa. If you are in Haleiwa you have to stop by and here these musicians. You can learn more about this amazing man and his family at www.ronartis.com. Check it out, you will not believe their talents and it is the best free thing you can do on the North Shore.

Joe

Don't Forget: New Meeting Place

Paradise Grill & Bar 2632 E Main Street Ventura CA

Starting with Septembers Meeting



Coalition and Other Events

DATE	DAY	EVENT	HOST/LOCATION
September 6 th and 7 th	Sat/Sun	Malibu Classic Malibu Surfing Association	Malibu
September 13 th and 14 th	Sat/Sun	C Street Longboarding Championships Visit www.cstreetlongboard.com	C Street Ventura
October 4 th and 5 th	Sat/Sun	Swamis Contact Jimmy Gray (805) 643-5869	Cardiff

For the most up to date calendar information, visit www.venturasurfclub.org. Coalition events require sing-up and prepayment.

Contact Jimmy Gray, Ventura Surf Club Away Contest Coordinator

Remember when. "I will always remember my first wave. . . The way the swell rose beneath me like a body drawing in air. How the wave drew me forward and I sprang to my feet, skating with the wind of momentum in my ears. I leant across the wall of upstanding water and the board came with me as though it was part of my body and mind. The blur of spray, the billion shards of light, I was intoxicated. Though I have lived to be an old man with my own share of happiness for all the mess I made, I still judge every joyous moment, every victory and revelation against those few seconds of living."

The above life reflection was a piece of writing from an Aussie author, Tim Winton and his book Breath.