

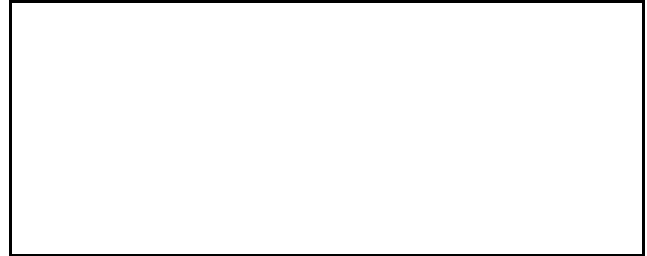
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*The Ventura Surf Club exists to preserve,
promote and perpetuate the values, beliefs
and essence of surfing.*

Presidents Message

What a perfect time to write this message!. Why? To begin with, it is a beautiful day, sunny and warm. We held our first intra-club contest of 2009 this morning. We had a respectable turn-out, including Link – very rare for a Saturday! It's just like that Mastercard commercial -- wet suit: \$150, surfboard: \$450 Watching 60 year-old Art Simmons in the water on his very old (excuse me, classic) single fin short board in a heat where all the other contestants were under 18: Priceless! Thank you to everyone that showed up this morning! It was great to see everybody having so much fun. It was also nice to see so many stepping up to cover all the details; Russ, Art, Rich, and everyone that helped with the judging.

We've got a busy month coming up. The Arden Taylor Surf Benefit is March 14 & 15. Keith needs help with all aspects of this event. Please contact Keith directly if you can volunteer or have any donations. The next Saturday (March 21), we are surfing in the Rincon Clean Water Classic (spots still available, contact Jimmy Gray – only \$20 each!). Our April meeting will be at the beach (Middles), combined with an intra-club contest and pot-luck BBQ on April 26. We also have the big surf expo in May and we'll need some volunteers to work our booth inside the exhibit hall.

See ya in the water!

Michael Mariani



Newsletter Update!

Beginning in 2009, the newsletter will be published every other month. Additionally, members may now opt-out of receiving the paper version, saving some trees and the addition cost to the club!

To change your current paper mailing status, contact us at info@venturasurfclub.org.

New for 2009: SHORT BOARD DIVISION!

Beginning in 2009, all intra-club events will feature a short board event. Depending on the number of participants, this can be any number of heats and divisions. The \$5 intra-club contest fee will cover surfing in either long or short board events or both. (eg no additional cost to surf both long and short)

By adding the short board division, we hope to raise the level of interest in the club. We are primarily targeting youth surfers that have not previously participated in the club due to the lack of short board surfing opportunities (and the old guys that still ride short boards!). Thank you to Elaine Reasor for volunteering to organize the new short board division.

Arden Taylor Surf Benefit

Adds Local to Recipient List

According to Keith Akins, Arden Taylor Event coordinator, local surfer Paul Wadley will be sharing the proceeds of this years' Arden Taylor Surf Benefit. Paul is a well known and liked local surfer currently battling lung cancer. Paul has always been one of the first to volunteer to help out at both The Arden Taylor Surf Benefit and the C Street Longboard Classic.

We send Paul our wishes for a full recovery and thank Keith for recognizing the need and fulfilling it!

C STREET SURFING MUSEUM FOUNDATION CLOSES - C STREET CONTEST IS NOW A VSC EVENT

For immediate release

January 31, 2009

C Street Surfing Museum Foundation Closes

The C Street Surfing Museum Foundation, a 501-c3 non-profit organization founded in 2005 to re-create a surfing museum in Ventura is closing. The board of directors voted to close the foundation this past week, citing several factors, including the in-ability to find an appropriate permanent location for the museum within Ventura. The Foundation plans to distribute approximately \$10,000.00 over the next few months to localsurfing and ocean sports related organizations within the community. This distribution will be done through a mini-grant process, providing grants to different organizations. The main Foundation fund raising event, the annual C Street Longboard Classic surf contest will continue to be held, but will now be run by and for the benefit of the Ventura Surf Club.

For more information visit: www.cstreetlongboard.com / www.venturasurfclub.org

I am very excited that this event is now being run by the Ventura Surf Club! We will be forming a committee to organize the event. If you have interest, please contact me. Thank you. Michael Mariani



Intra-Club Events

Date	Day	Event	Host / Location
March		No Intra-Club this month due to Arden Taylor and Rincon Clean Water events	
03/15/09- 03/16/09	Sat/Sun	Arden Taylor	C Street
04/26/09	Sun	Intra-Club Contest April VSC Meeting Barbecue Pot-Luck	Middles
May	Sun	Battle Over The Line VSC vs MSA Final date TBA - MSA is hosting COME AND DEFEND OUR TIKI !!	County Line
06/20/09	Sat	Intra-Club	Surfer's Knoll
July		Intra-Club Contest Final date TBA after Malibu Boardriders announces their contest dates	Knuckleheads
August		Intra-Club Contest August Meeting Barbecue Pot-Luck Final date TBA after Oceanside announces their contest dates	Middles
September		No Intra-Club this month due to C Street Longboard Classic and Malibu Classic (MSA)	
October		Intra-Club Contest Final date TBA after Swami's announces their contest dates	
11/08/09	Sun	Final Intra-Club Contest	Solimar
11/22/09	Sun	End Of The Year Luau	Poinsettia Pavillion

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
02/14/15	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
03/15/16	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
03/21/09	Sat	Rincon Cleanwater Classic (only \$20 to enter) Contact Jimmy Gray (805)643-5869 for sign-up	Rincon
05/17/09- 05/18/09	Sat/Sun	Sacred Craft Surf Expo VSC has booth -- need people to work in approx 4 hour shifts. Contact Michael Mariani if you can work.	Ventura Fairgrounds
July	TBA	Malibu Boardriders Contact Jimmy Gray (805)643-5869 for sign-up	Malibu
August	TBA	Oceanside Annual Noseriding Contest Contact Jimmy Gray (805)643-5869 for sign-up	Oceanside
September	TBA	MSA Malibu Classic Contact Jimmy Gray (805)643-5869 for sign-up	Malibu
September	TBA	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.

Ventura Film Festival (March 24 to 29, 2009) Features Surf Film "Between The Lines"

BETWEEN THE LINES explores the Vietnam War through the prism of the surfing sub-culture. The film offers unique insight into the dramatic effect that the Vietnam War and draft had on young American men who rode waves.

Between the Lines explores the choice that most draft age surfers faced during the Vietnam War era: either go to war or evade the draft. It was one or the other. *Between the Lines* delves into the lives of two surfers who choose opposite paths. Pat Farley and Brant Page.

While following the lives of these two surfers the film chronicles the impact of the Vietnam War on the surfing lifestyle. From the peaceful shores of Hawaii to the canopy jungles of Vietnam, *Between the Lines* excavates the surfing cultures response to an extraordinary circumstance.

www.betweenthelinesfilm.com / venturafilmfest.com for more information



Mexico (This is the second installment in a 3 part series) Originally written for West Ways magazine by VSC Member Ken Mcalpine.

The eight of us, ensconced in two small planes, buzzed south along the coast from San Diego, flying at 170 miles per hour over a quiltwork of veiny dirt roads and corrugated tin roofs that is Tijuana, then a similar grouping that is Ensenada, and then nothing. We followed a coastline that twisted and turned beneath us, rugged cliffs plunging into impossibly clear water, the lot backdropped by folded brown hills.

Baja was once littered with grand airstrips, beautiful graded things with lots of room to land, but most of them have fallen into disrepair now that the drug cartels are in disarray. Today landing facilities in Baja consist mostly of cratered airstrips or homemade jobs like the one we were about to land on, a washboard of broken rock cleared and planed to a degree by rake and shovel.

Jeff brought our plane in. The wheels touched down and we banged toward the edge of the mesa. In a nice bit of piloting, Jeff brought us to a stop with only a few requisite bumps. We turned to watch the other plane, piloted by Kevin.

Kevin's plane bounced down the strip, the left wing dipping toward the ground. Another rude jounce swung it back up, sending the right wingtip scraping low. The plane bounced a few more times, then settled to a stop in a cloud of dust.

"Landing here gets easier," observed Jeff, "but it's never routine." Kevin hopped from the plane and spread his arms to the desert's hush. "Here we are in the middle of fumbuck," he said.

Actually, the spot has a name. Visiting surfers had dubbed it "Pillars". Named after the enormous sandstone outcroppings that jut from cliffs high above the beach, Pillars is actually a working fish camp inhabited by Jose Adan, his mottled gray-and-black dog, his bearded brother, and a lean youth whose job it is to plunge over the side of Jose's twenty-two foot panga to check lobster traps and gather abalone. A rounded, smiling fellow with a mustache and a weathered San Antonio Spurs basketball cap, Jose owns the land. Kevin pays him a stipend for its use and also ferries down staples such as mayonnaise, engine parts and beer.

It is not an easy life here. Town is a six hour drive. The steep half-mile trail looping down to the beach is pinched on both sides by sandstone walls. Halfway down the trail we noticed the shell of a truck, its smashed front resting in a ditch, its equally crumpled fanny jutting out into the trail, and no glass intact, testament to the violence of the collision that occurred when the brakes failed and Jose went through the windshield. Luckily, he survived.

Within an hour Jeff and Kevin had made the campsite a very comfortable place. They laid down AstroTurf as a ground cover. A Coleman kitchen was readied. Sleeping bags and dome tents were stretched out, along with some blankets.

For the visiting surfer, amenities at Pillars are few, namely a small trailer supported by its own rust and an even shakier wooden outhouse. Pillars is a place to surf. In fact, Pillars is not even the real name of the place. Some of the surfers who venture deep into Baja guard choice surf spots with a special zealotry and they don't take kindly to publicity. Kevin asked me not to ink a road map to the place.

What regular viewers of Baywatch don't realize is, more often than not, the ocean is as calm as Golden Pond. In fact, the odds of getting really good waves are only slightly better than David Hasselhoff's odds of winning an Oscar. It is true that Baja's surf is legendary; J.T. had once surfed a spot near San Blas where the rides were so long that, for a small fee, enterprising locals in trucks would ferry surfers back up the beach. Lee O'Neill, another member of our group, had recently gone fishing in Baja. Floating off the island of San Martin, Lee had watched in terror as the boat's depth gauge rhythmically swung from eighty to 115 feet and back again. And Kevin told us that the entire month of December had been epic, the waves firing off our private point with metronomic regularity.

Unfortunately, this was January. We stood on the beach and stared out at God's own table top. An anemic looking wave crawled into the beach to die.

Back at camp, Lee yanked on his wetsuit and picked up his longboard.

"Who knows?" he said. "It may get smaller tomorrow, and then we'll wish we had gone out."





Surf Craft Expo Comes To Ventura

CHANNEL ISLANDS SURFBOARDS HONORS JOHN BRADBURY AT SACRED CRAFT TRIBUTE TO THE MASTERS SHAPE-OFF

Surfboard Expo takes place in May at Ventura County Fairgrounds

January 23, 2009, Encinitas, Ca. - A legendary brand honors a legendary shaper. Channel Islands Surfboards has signed on as the presenting sponsor of the Tribute To The Masters Shape-off honoring John Bradbury.

We're absolutely stoked to be involved with the Tribute to the Masters Shape-off honoring John Bradbury. John's shaping and boards are legendary in this region and if you are lucky enough to own one, believe me, you treat it as sacred craft. Sacred as much for the man who made it as for the renowned design, "said Travis Lee, Channel Islands Surfboards Director of Marketing. "John's legacy is very important to Santa Barbara surfing culture. It will be exciting to watch the competition unfold."

John Bradbury is a highly influential Santa Barbara shaper/surfer learning his craft under the tutelage of legend Renny Yater. Bradbury was a 'locals local' and the epitome of the local shaper with a faithful clientele of underground wave riders, a shaping bay in his backyard, and a keen eye on approaching swells.

Through the '60s and '70s, Bradbury's "Creative Freedom" logo was synonymous with the underground Santa Barbara surfing scene. In the mid-eighties he was among a handful of board builders who began experimenting with polystyrene epoxy. Bradbury's lightweight contemporary designs caught the attention of top pros such as Martin Potter, Cheyne Horan and Brad Gerlach.

Sadly John Bradbury died of leukemia in 1999. Ten years later, in the spring of 2009, six regional shapers will honor Bradbury's legacy in the "Tribute to the Masters Shape-off" by replicating a classic Bradbury design.

"I'm super stoked to see my dad and his work honored in this fashion," said John's son Josh Bradbury. "My dad's time on this earth was too short, but thankfully people still appreciate his shaping skills and more importantly, what a great person he was."

The tribute includes, amongst Bradbury memorabilia, a competition in which six shapers will be asked to replicate a classic John Bradbury design. The winning shaper will receive \$1000. The Tribute To The Masters Shape-off Honoring John Bradbury presented by Channel Islands Surfboards will take place at the SACRED CRAFT Consumer Surfboard Expo Ventura May 16 & 17, 2009 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, across the street from C-street.

The 2009 SACRED CRAFT Consumer Surfboard Expo at Ventura is sponsored in part by SURFER Magazine & the Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau

ABOUT SACRED CRAFT

The history of our lifestyle is the history of the surfboard. Nothing has defined the surfing experience more than that on which we ride the waves. Nothing defines the surfer more than his (or her) surfboard. So much more than a tool, the surfboard has become a philosophical icon, a sacred craft, a culturally pervasive symbol of freedom, adventure and enduring youth.

The Sacred Craft Consumer Surfboard Expo brings together surfboard manufacturers with surfboard lovers for two days of pure stoke. Seminars, music, art, film, and culture all revolving around our beloved surfboard.

[HTTP://WWW.SACREDCRAFTEXPO.COM](http://www.sacredcraftexpo.com)

Ultimate Boarder Event Returns To Ventura April 4 - 11

This surf, skate and ski event has the skate event at the fairgrounds and the surf event across the street.

Visit www.ultimateboarder.com for more information