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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, fellow surfers. The following is a quick note from our president. Oh wait a minute we DO NOT HAVE ONE ! If you would like to be the next Ventura Surf Club President, please speak up NOW ! You can contact the club via e-mail, Mike, Link or anyone on the Board. Get the word out, the club needs a President. Hey Willie I think this position has your name on it ! (Just a little humor in desperate times).

March Madness at the Point

Easter this year is early for those of you that did not already know this. Spring breaks for local schools, colleges, etc. are all over the calendar. If you are interested, Easter is Sunday, March 23rd. Some colleges will have the following week off while other schools will follow a more traditional Spring Vacation schedule. These schools will not be off until the first week in April. Just letting you know that C-Street and other local breaks may see a heavier than usual crowd (as if that's possible) during these times. Just remember, spread the ALOHA SPIRIT !



A Note from the Editor:

As I sat down early one morning to try my hand at my first newsletter, my heart spoke to me, not my head. Why with all I currently try to cram into my life why would I take on another responsibility? Easy, someone asked me to help. Call it being born a sucker or with genes that are only fed when lending a helping hand, I truly don't know which. So here I am. Fellow surfers, you are stuck with me for at least a few issues of the Ventura Surf Club newsletter, 17 **SECONDS**.

My main goal is to do my best to get a newsletter out in a timely manner. Maybe not loaded with stories and pics, but hopefully with a little help from the powers to be, it will have important dates and functions listed.

My second goal is get in touch with, in my opinion, the pulse, the heart and soul of every surf community and surf club out there, the AVERAGE SURFER. These surfers perhaps have the greatest passion for the sport, yet I have never seen them on the pages of any magazine. Their heart and soul run each and every contest, spend hours putting together heat sheets, setting up gear, taking gear down; you name it and Mr. or Ms. Average Surfer is always there. I have some ideas that I hope will come to be over the next few months that may help these surfers that I idolize get their day in the sun.

Last, but certainly not least is the fact that this newsletter is an open format for members to participate in. That means that the editor needs your input. It always makes for a more interesting newsletter. Please feel free to e-mail at newsletter@venturasurfclub.org or better yet, since I am such an old fashioned girl, pick up the phone and call me! I would much rather hear the passion or disgust in your voice about a topic than to just sit in front of a cold, metal object and have to read that C-Street was the best you ever saw it!

I look forward to hearing from everyone (ha ha) soon!

Jeanette

Volunteers Needed!

If you 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.

BIG WEEKEND HITS C-STREET



The weekend of February 16th and 17th saw a substantial swell hit our local point. Waves of 6 foot plus rolled in on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday proved to be the cleanest with little wind and favorable tides. Crowds were high as well. A couple of our members found the whitewater pretty challenging. Waves were up at Mondos and Pitass which picked up the overflow from the Point. Definitely a memorable couple of days.



2008 Arden Taylor

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>



We need surfers! If you have not signed up yet, please do so NOW! Ventura Surf Club members and all you surfers that read this newsletter, this benefit contest needs your support, so PLEASE send in your applications now. MAHALO !

Toll Road Temporarily Defeated

After a very long & difficult session the California Coastal Commission voted 8 to 2 to NOT approve the proposed 241 Toll Road. This was a proposed toll road though San Onofre/Trestles State Park. However as we all know we have not heard the end of this heated topic. To lend your support check out these web sites regularly: <http://www.surfrider.org/>, <http://www.savesanonofre.com/> and <http://savetrestles.com>

Big Sunday by: "The Crab"

As I stood in awe today at different breaks from C-Street to Rincon I was once again reminded of what an interesting community surfers make up. Today, Sunday, February 24, 2008 I had the opportunity to watch, photograph and video the biggest waves I have ever seen along the California coast. I watched in wonder at Stables as a beloved friend tried his hand at the mountains of water before us. This gentleman is truly an inspiration! A little crazy, but nonetheless an inspiration. I was just relieved that he made it to shore okay.

As a fairly large group of fellow surfers watched and gave their commentary, I was drawn to how close all these men appeared. Did they all know each other by name, no, yet they conversed as if they were brothers. They all agreed that the few faceless figures out in the line up were a little crazy. Comments such as

"No way, I'm not that f - - - - - stupid !" and "Been there, done that. I don't need to prove anything" buzzed through the group. These men and women from so many different walks of life shared something today that words cannot express. A simple act of nature touched those in its presence in a way that if it could be bottled the world would be a better place.



Date	Day	Event	Host / Location
March 10	Tuesday	March Club Meeting – 6:30 pm Bill Bragg shares his surf film of local area in the 60's	Yolies
April 8	Tuesday	Outdoor Meeting this Month on April 13	
April 13	Sunday	VSC Intra-Club Contest and April Meeting Note: Monthly meeting and BBQ will be held after the contest. Please meet at the grassy area at the end of Figueroa Street. Please bring your own meat to BBQ and drinks A side dish and or dessert to share would round out the menu !	Figueroa Street Ventura, CA
May 10	Saturday	Battle Over the Line Malibu Surfing Association vs Ventura Surf Club	County Line
May 13	Tuesday	May Club Meeting – 6:30 pm Craig Angell discusses Board materials	Yolie's
June 8	Sunday	***VSC Intra-Club Contest	River Mouth North end of pay lot. Call Link for directions (805) 644-3515
June 10	Tuesday	June Club Meeting – 6:30 pm	Yolie's
July 8	Tuesday	July Club Meeting – 6:30 pm	Yolie's
July 26	Saturday	***VSC Intra-Club Contest	Knuckleheads (Beach break / State Beaches exit)
August 12	Tuesday	August Club Meeting – 6:30 pm	Yolie's
August 24	Sunday	***VSC Intra-Club Contest	County Line
September 9	Tuesday	September Club Meeting – 6:30 pm	Yolie's
October 11	Saturday	***VSC-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	Yolie's
October 25 and 26	Sat/Sun	Hobson Camp-out and Costume Surf Contest with Santa Barbara Surf Club	Hobson State Beach Campground
November 9	Sunday	***LAST VSC Intra-Club Contest	Solimar
November 11	Tuesday	November Club Meeting – 6:30 pm	Yolie's
November 16 (tentative date)	Sunday	VSC Annual Luau	Poinsettia Pavillion (tentative location)

***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
March 15 and 16	Sat/Sun	Sharing The Stoke Team Event GroundSwell Society Contact: Jimmy Gray (805) 643-5869	Rincon
March 29 and 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

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.

Majority Rules???

Back last May, I was actually not working out of town on the weekend of the Club contest which was scheduled for School House down in Pierpont. Generally speaking, the Pierpont area is a beach break where mostly short boarders surf. That Sunday in May was a "minus" low tide and there was a nice South Swell coming in up at C-Street, but at School House it was a "thump and dump" situation....not exactly long board friendly conditions.

As the gathering of people got organized, everyone was wanting to move the contest up to The Cove or Middles were there were pretty nice peaks coming in. Link said that we had to have a vote to be able to move it, so he asked for a show of hands on how many people wanted to move and how many people wanted to stay at School House. *Out of everyone there, just one person wanted to stay*, so we all had to stay. About 50-60% of the people left to go free surf up a C-Street. A few more of us stayed to help judge a few heats and they had a few people sign up for the contest.

We are a "club", not a monarchy or dictatorship. I do not understand why *Majority Rule* does not rule. Shouldn't it?

VSC Member



Happy 60th birthday Art! Fortunately for you (and our readers), this picture of you naked next to your VW bus in 1960's Ventura is small enough so we cannot actually see that you're naked!



Joe Rickabaugh showin' some style – VSC intra-club contest, February 2008