

the laybacker

Greetings Members and Guests!

Ah another month has come around, water has gone from distinctly chilly to hints of summer. This is the time of year when you see steamers and boardies in the lineup at the same time, paddle out in a steamer, too hot, boardies - good for a quick one in the sun - so many choices! These, I suggest, are good problems to have!

Last month's point score saw the near unprecedented presence of 2 heats of women! How good is that! Great to see you ladies, we have been encouraging such an event for years but it never quite became regular. Lets hope 2013 will be the year!

El Presidente Bill has supplied me with some great old photos and stories over the last months, so I wanted to put one in for this month. Check out the cranking bottom turn on the left on the next page, and this quote that went with the photo below from Surfabout 1966, story and photos by gentleman Jack Eden -

"The second Southern NSW Championships were held at Bellambi Reef on 27th and 28th August 1966. The championships were again organised and run by the Wollongong Area Boardriders Club with the top riders from Warialla Boardriders Association, Shoalhaven Area Boardriders, Windansea Surf Club, Kurranulla Wahines, Kiama Board Club, Port Kembla Area Boardriders, Corrimal Area boardriders

Association, and Wollongong Area Boardriders Club competing.

*The unfortunate news of the championships was that the reigning Southern NSW champion and the Wollongong Area Boardriders Club champion and club captain, **Mick Carabine**, was unable to compete as he sustained a broken foot and other minor injuries in a bad car accident a few weeks prior..."*

Check out the photo, there is more to come as Bill has supplied me with some info and photos, for the application to make Bellambi a Regional Surfing Reserve, and the history of the break is long and significant, not just the mushy 'cutback alley' that we sometimes hear from the non initiated.....and yes Bill, Hendo and Scotty, I will get on with that application, it is moving up in the priority list!

On another note you should see the shots of the old coal loading pier that was located just near our beloved reef! Amazing, very similar to the one that was at Sandon, and the rocks offshore from the Bommie to Virgins have more than their fair share of shipwrecks....

But I digress, hope you like the latest news and see you in the water! (just be aware that I am a multi award winning surfer, and not in the good way....)

Hoo Roo for now
Andy

comp news

October Pointscore

Already done and dusted..

Woopi Challenge

Arrawarra Area
November 2rd and 3rd

Palm Beach Old Mal Rally

Palm Beach
November 9th

Check out
australianlongboarding.com
for entry forms...



Southern NSW Championships,
1966 Bellambi Reef



BELLAMBI

(SOUTH COAST, N.S.W.) . . . John Coleman

Bill's Babble

SEPTEMBER POINT SCORE WRAP UP!

Well guys & gals I thought our September Pointscore was excellent, some very contestable waves, very consistent with the swell direction being a little mixed between south and east, it made wave selection a little tricky at times but all in all a great point score!

Thank you to Andrew Farrow bringing the gear trailer along each month, we had the new updated version for you to look at, and Dale will fit it out when he decides what is the most user friendly layout suitable for our gear. Thank you to all concerned for the very prompt set at the start of the day, I got there at 6.20am and most of the gear was already in place, thank you guys great effort!

The heat draw and sign ons were done by Andrew Wilson and Ian, talliers for the day were Daniel and Dave Clements, Dave could not attend so thank you to Ian, Greg Scott, Greg Nichol, Mal Robbo & Darcy for assisting Daniel with the tallying duties this month, thank you to all you guys.

As always Baz brought the food along assisted by Cameron who will take over from next month I think, Thank you to both you guys also Damo for assisting Cameron with the Barby Duties.



We had 2 heats of ladies this month, I think that is the first time we have had that occur, great to see, I think it really adds to our Club having the ladies surfing with us, it will enable some new friendships to be formed between our existing ladies, and from my brief observation I saw ladies with a respectful, humble and willing to mix in very easily attitude, so please make them feel welcome each Month and accepted with our club, I would appreciate that, thank you.

As mentioned at the start of the day, congratulations to all the guys who made finals at the National Old Malibu Championships at Crescent Head recently, Donny, Corey, Dale, Scotty also Jarrett & Nick who actually made two finals each, with Nick winning the Loggers division, wonderful effort to all you guys, and what is most important of all, the wonderful professional way you guys conduct yourselves when competing and associating with others, representing this club, but more importantly, yourselves.

Look forward to seeing you in the surf,
Our next Point score is October 13th
Kind Regards, Bill

Editors Note: Bill didn't mention a couple of scores...

O/60 LEGENDS

- 1st Bill Morris (Red)**
- 2nd Warwick Latter (Pink)
- 3rd Earl Page (Green)
- 4th Bruce Pate (White)
- 5th Don Jeffries (Blue)**
- 6th Richard Gow (Yellow)

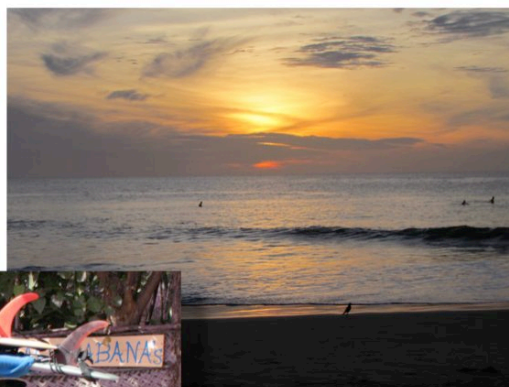
O/40 D Fin

- 1st Paul O'Grady (Red)
- 2nd Allan French (Pink)
- 3rd Scott Downing (White)**
- 4th Bill Morris (Green)**
- 5th Daffy (Yellow)
- 6th Trevor Skinner (Blue)



'Shakey' and 'Revolver' hit the East Indies (Part 1)

A Sri Lankan surf adventure through the eyes and toes of Jarret and Corey.
Text by Jarret



PARADISE LOST AND FOUND

A place will inevitably change as what makes it great, becomes what makes it popular and accessible. Right now on the mid-east coast of Sri Lanka, the change has begun and is in full swing towards 'progress'. In saying that though, there is still a paradise to be found here. The real beauty is in the people, the land, the surf, and if you remove the dumb-ness of some of the tourists in the water, there is nothing here to worry about.

9 hours to K.L plus 1&1/2 hours on a tiled airport floor plus 3&1/2 hours to Colombo and it feels like you're there. Nup, 6 more hours across country from the west to the east coast in a van and then, you are there!

"Freedom" and drop boards, no money down - gotta go surfing - Ha! Met the owner of Freedom Beach Cabanas in the line-up and he laughed that we were the guys who bowled in and took off without leaving any details and just ran for the water. He had our board bags, where were we gonna go hahah? What kind of first surf can you expect when you arrive in a strange place and run for the point without even a look. How's 5-6ft, off-shore, home made logs 'Shakey' and 'Revolver' and only 12 dudes out. A mix of locals and long time stokers who had been living/travelling there for over 20 years. Going off. Welcome to paradise. One of the sessions of the trip.

Welcome to paradise lost. The morning after arriving (and bloody hell it was nice to sleep for 9 hours last night) was not overly busy out the point (20-25 people), but what it lacked in crowd, it made up for in crazy. Over the falls is a manoeuvre, wipe-outs, paddling up the inside, boards and bodies flying all over the place. There was still some size and a few should have stayed further down the line-up in the 'fun' section and out of the heavies. It wasn't really enjoyable after yesterday's welcoming 3 hour session. Feelings of paradise lost.

And then, paradise found again! Less than an hour south is a disused property of old stilt accommodation that looked awesome to sleep in, until a few army guys with big guns said it was closed down and no tourists were allowed to sleep there. Since their guns were bigger than



our persuasive strategies we let them win this argument. The government has shut the place down to build primo accommodation there for rich people instead of hodad surfers looking for a cheap night up a tree and out of the path of passing elephants. We spoke to the guy with the biggest gun and asked for permission to surf there. He was cool with that and then it took some serious persuading to talk him around to let us film there. Sri-Lankan locals are not allowed on the beach at this 'secret spot', but we won this exchange and were allowed to get our Tuk-Tuk driver to come film some waves. What a mad session - only two of us out, 2-3ft, on the logs, offshore, 3 hours. There is a clip of it on the Carabine Longboards Facebook page if you wanna check it out, or on Vimeo if you search for the title of this little story. It would of been awesome to stay here, but we had a feeling the point would be on this afternoon and it was time to bust out the 6'6" single fins.

'The Blue Suit' and 'A Simple Board' are two single fin short boards that fit this wave. This session was unreal! There were moments of being so in touch with the wave that all the force and drive was in perfect harmony with the wave and you just flowed. Up and down the face, projected along the wall, effortlessly combining rail and fin. Classic feeling. Top to bottom, racing sections and then just standing there through others totally tapped in. Ahh Paradise again.... This IS surfing. This is perfection.

Leaving 2moro, heading north for a bit. No rooms left with Tim at Freedoms. That's how it goes when you don't make plans. See what we can find then come back in a few days. I love this place. The curry is hot, the pumpkin roti is to die for and the local people are beautiful. Everybody says hello.

P.S....A quick early next morning before we head north. Crazy out there. Paradise lost again hahah... good time to head north....no more earlies 'round here is the plan...

.....from the diary of a grommet. Sri Lanka. 2013

hang ten.
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