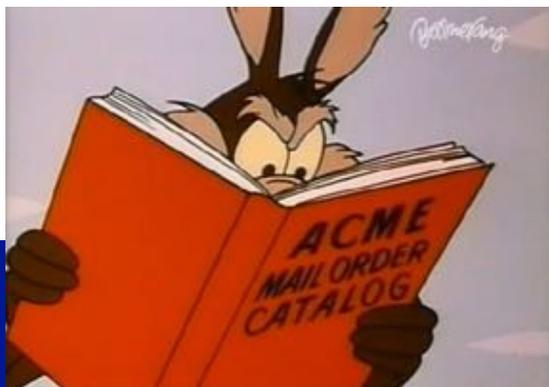


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Greetings Members and Guests!

Wile E Coyote graces our Newsletter, as you see, and why? you may ask? You'll have to 'turn' a page or two to find the answer in this jam packed Issue!

April Pointscore pics and Youngies Yarn, great story and pics from Brian Bull with a report on Noosa 2017, the bizarre - yet strangely compelling Lachy vs napper story, and, as if that was not enough, Hendo's Hawaii!

So, please to enjoy!

Andy



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THE APRIL POINTSCORE! youngies yarn!

Well, 3 down and great to see a big rollup. We had waves and the sun finally came out! Good to see the whole club's effort in the set up and pack up - well done everyone that contributed.

Our club has a high profile in the surfing community, and in the past we successfully ran couple of State Titles. This all came about due to the efforts of the presidents and committees at the time and I feel saddened that our profile has taken a knock.

I would like to remind all Members what our Club stands for:

We aspire to deliver good standards of discipline and put high expectations on ourselves and realise that our actions reflect on the club.

Enjoy the friendship and rewards that our Club can offer you.

Practice Aloha!

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LAYBACKS AT NOOSA 2017

words and pics by
Brian Bull



The 2017 Noosa Festival of Surfing saw a number of competitors and family supporters from the Layback Longboarders attend the 8 day festival. Those competing included:

- Chris and Tom Bate,
- Andrew and Nic Farago,
- Jayce Pioli
- Lachlan Peters
- Dave Byrne and
- Brian Bull



The Family Challenge was the first heat I was able to observe, Andrew and Nic were up against Dave and Dane Wilson and in the small conditions these surfers made it look easy. Most of our support staff thought Andrew and Nic had won it, but they lost to the Wilson's by .5. Dave and Dane Wilson went on to win the final later in the week.



Jayce, Lachy, and Tom were in a heat together in the Logger Pro. The waves were small and they experienced long waiting periods between sets. Jayce was leading for the majority of the heat, but the waves didn't come for any of them to improve their score. A couple of days later Jayce organized hiring a couple of 4 wheel drives for a surf trip to Double Island Point, for those of us who were lucky enough to make it, you couldn't get the smiles off our face, more on that at a later time.





The good news was Chris Bate had made the final of the over 50's, Andrew Farago had made the men's over 40's final, and Nic Farago had made the Logger Pro Final, all great achievements up against some very talented longboard surfers.

Dave Byrne had surfed his heats and we heard that work commitments had him heading back to the Gong. Brian Bull was eliminated from the 65's, but rumour has it that he was pretty happy when he heard Ben Pioli and Shane Irvine had secured him and his partner tickets to the Corporate Box at Noosa Surf Club to watch the sun go down each evening.

Finals Day

The swell was big down at the Gold Coast but unfortunately didn't get into the points at Noosa. The finals day was held down the beach at Access 12 (not Area 41..ed) The competitors were greeted to a lovely sunny day with small 1 foot surf.

Andrew Farago 5th over 40s Final –WELL DONE

Chris Bate 3rd over 50s Final –WELL DONE!

Nic Farago 3rd Logger Pro Final – Congratulations on a magnificent achievement, up against an international field of 68 competitors, the likes of Matt Chojnacki, Dane Wilson, Jarred Mell, Harley Ingleby, Kaimana Takayama, and Nic Jones. These surfer's names and faces grace the pages of longboard magazines around the world, your surfing skill was a pleasure to watch.



Bully



napper VS Lachy 2



napper

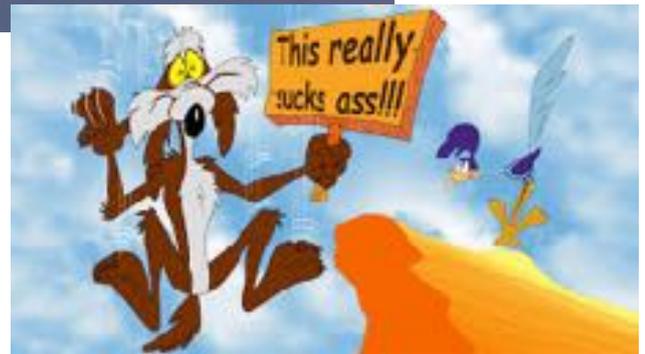


Lachy

Headline "Napper isn't everything"

Jarret "old balls" Napper and the taking down of his legacy is a high priority on my to-do list but I believe his head is big enough already to encompass all of my time and my new found love of writing,

so here is a piece for someone a lot more deserving of the attention that follows these newsletters.



Mr Andy 'Goldheart' Goldie, our writer, editor, fierce competitor, friend and all round good guy performed not only his infamous quick wit and one-liners last weekend but also an unforgettable noseride. As I watched from the carpark tired and weary from surfing the bomby, to Aframe, to northernns, my round I heat, back to northernns and after my fourths final I lay my eyes upon the water as a set rolls through. Goldheart paddles ruthlessly and intentionally kicking and flicking water upon his competitors and grinning while doing so beneath his short brimmed surf cap, stylish yet functional. He takes off left to go right as he swoops off the bottom arms spread wide and proud. From here he is projected up the face, not fazed by his growing speed as he drifts into a smooth cutback just shy of the whitewater, it is at this point I ask myself... is he man enough? Goldheart steps foot over foot in the most calm of manner as if there was no way he could get this wrong. His final step lands him in a comfortable 'hang 5', as we call it in the biz, standing tall, standing proud, words not need be said by his competitors their faces grew green in envy as he stepped back from the nose almost as if in slow motion he draws another neat cutback and there lay the heat winning wave. I salute you Goldheart. As you were, as you were.

I would like to address a growing issue though, a few people have been saying that potentially my actions and words could be taking things a little far, I'd just like to say that I believe my actions are completely warranted, most people aren't around when things get fiery. Only of late has his ferocious nature been exposed on social media where he savagely attacked me for simply commenting on a photo of the two of us posted on the laybacks Facebook page. Not only this he visits my workplace regularly purchasing materials as a disguise to come into my space and talk down to me, attempt to humiliate me in front of my colleagues. If I was less patient and forgiving person there may have been a stern letter written to Kev, but ill just stick to the high road. Keep your eyes peeled club members there is a snake among us.

Yours truly,

Lachy.

HENDO'S



Banzai Pipeline by Hendo

Hawaii 2017

In March Maggie and I shuffled ourselves off to Hawaii for 2 weeks, once again staying on the North Shore at Haleiwa for 10 days and then 2½ days at Wacky Waikiki, more than enough for us at Waikiki.

Arriving at Honolulu Airport at 6.30am after a 10 hr flight with a couple of hours sleep we picked up our hire car and off we went to the North Shore - about a 50 minute drive. With Maggie as my co pilot and navigator (there are so many roads and signs) we easily found the familiar road to the North.

One tip when driving on the wrong side of the road is always have in your head when you come up to an intersection is “lefty loosey - tighty righty” and MOST of the time everything goes ok.

Anyway the people we were staying with, in a 1 bedroom self contained apartment above their carport, let us drop our luggage, boards etc off early so we didn't have to drag them all over the North Shore. We checked out the surf from Haleiwa to Velzyland, and except for Chuns it was about 1ft! We decided to go and get the necessary food supplies for the rest of our stay.

The view from the front door in our apartment looked straight across the park and I could see if there was any surf breaking on the reef to the west of Haleiwa Beach from there. Haleiwa Beach, where I surfed most days is the 1st stop for the pro circuit during the Triple Crown events held in Hawaii Nov/Dec each year.

Overnight the forecasted swell arrived and I walked the 200 yards (you're in the USA remember) to find Haleiwa about 6-8ft Hawaiian, our 10-12ft. Big right handers breaking all day. I have been lucky to surf Haleiwa at that size and a bit bigger once before so I kind of knew what I was in for, plenty of paddling against the sweep that doesn't stop the whole time you're in the water and the chance to get close to watch, see and catch some fantastic waves and watch some fantastic surfing.

After 1 ¼ hours and 3 waves I snapped my leash (USA remember), I retrieved my board and paddled way out the back and tied a knot in it. I then paddled back into the line up so I could stay out in the water and this Hawaiian guy asked me what I was doing?! When I told him what I did he told me I was mad!

They should talk, those guys are riding 5'8" twin fins in double overhead waves! Amazing.

The next day dropped to about 10ft and the swell only went under 6ft for 1 morning on 1 day. That day I surfed chest high waves at Ehukai Park next to Pipeline with 4 other guys, swapped boards with a young guy who wanted to ride my board so I rode his Taylor Jensen 9 footer.

The accompanying photos are of Pipeline one morning at about 8-10ft with about 35 guys in a take-off area the size of Bellambi's. No I didn't go out there but I went back to Haleiwa where it was 2 ft smaller.

HENDO'S



Banzai Pipeline by Hendo



My last surf at Haleiwa was my best, the swell had dropped to about 6ft and the left handers (I'm a goofy footer remember) were working back towards the boat harbour and I just had such a great time for 2 ½ hours, very memorable.

We had amazing holiday weather 28-35C each day, warm water and great waves.

My highlights of the trip would be, apart from surfing some great waves and meeting some very friendly people in and out of the water, was watching that previously mentioned morning at Pipeline, surfing with green sea turtles, spending some quality time in the waves at Haleiwa, the fantastic food available on the North Shore,

the food runs a close second to the surf, having a look around the beautiful beaches in the Ka'ena Pt area which have some obvious surfing potential on the right swell etc, watching a young guy doing fin first take-offs on some very solid 6ft Haleiwa waves on a paddle board!, watching 10 year olds carve up very solid 6-8ft waves, not snapping board and body, snorkelling at the inappropriately named Sharks Cove, no sharks there, the pineapple icecream at the Dole Pineapple plantation, having a great time with Maggie in a wonderful place and planning our next trip to Hawaii.

My low light/bad idea would be the morning I tumbled down the face on a 10 footer after thinking it was a great idea to take-off REALLY late on my backhand (it's amazing how quickly a good idea can become a bad idea, only did that once, old dogs DO learn some lessons).

Now, I am definitely no big wave hellman, I'm just the guy sitting next to you in the line up who you surf better than, who happens to be comfortable when the surf gets bigger.

Anyway there are sooo many stories to tell so maybe I will leave them for another time - like one trip in 2009 I think with Scott and families watching 20 ft + Waimea, watching guys get towed into waves so big at Rock Piles they looked like cartoon drawings, in 2015 Scott and myself surfing nice shoulder to head high waves at Laniakea with legendary Hawaiian waterman Buzzy Kerbox and his son, or the day the local garbo guy told us in the carpark at Pipeline "it's a good day to work because the surf is flat" and we surfed some very solid head high waves at Gas Chambers between Pipeline and Rocky Pt, surfing 6-8ft Sunset Beach with only a handful of guys out, spam coated macadamia nuts, sitting on the beach for the 2013 Pipeline Masters finals day with Maggie and Georgia watching 3rd reef Pipeline breaking and Mick Fanning winning the world title with 10,000 other spectators on the beach, and last but not least, on an early trip Scott and myself getting hopelessly lost coming back to Waikiki from the North Shore.

Anyway, cheers

Hendo