August Comp in Perfect Waves.

Once again, we had some small clean waves for the August comp before the wind got up - and the day before the Council attacked our beloved First Point with earth-moving equipment. (Hope the waves come back!)

Great to see some lapsed members coming back to the fold - and some new members joining in. Special welcome to the Kloster family and Jane Purtill who is taking over BBQ duties from Keena (thanks for a great year Keena!)

Some pics here but also see Page 5 for shots of Mick & Pat in action - and some tips and bloopers from the comp.

Rosie & Josh take out Aust. Titles.

Noosa Mal Club Life Member, Josh Constable highlighted to all why he is one of the greatest ever Australian surfers in winning his fifth Australian Title in Port Macquarie, NSW.

“To win five Australian Titles is amazing,” he said. “When I started surfing as a youngster I always dreamed of winning one National Title and a World Title,” he admitted. “To achieve this and more is beyond words.”

Not to be outdone, NMC member Rosie Locke claimed her first ever Australian Longboard Title.

Locke was lost for words after claiming her maiden Title.

“I can’t believe it,” she said with a beaming smile. “This is the best feeling ever!”

Having been in red-hot form throughout the contest, Locke was in career best form as she marched through the semi-finals and final with a dynamic repertoire of powerful surfing.

“Things just seemed to go my way out there,” Locke added.

Also competing in the Under 18 Boys was Jackson Winter who made the final and finished 4th.

Amazing to have two Aust. Champions from our club.

Congrats to you all - you’re great ambassadors and have all done us proud!
With no surf for our July comp, the Presso Day was the highlight of the July calendar.

Susie, Di and the girls turned on a feast, Mike & Keena fired up the barbie and the esky was full of a few cold ones.

The emotional highlight of the day was Mark “Griffo” Griffin winning the lucky draw prize of a fantastic Classic Malibu Californian - sponsored by Madills Toyota. John was on hand to make the presentation and a no more deserving and humble winner could have been found.

The board - now christened “The Banana” - was last seen gliding on a few small ones round at Tea Tree.

The Winners were:

**Boys**
1st - Kye Martin  
2nd - Zak Southgate-Smith  
3rd - Lindon Whitfield

**Womens**
1st - Keena Wilson  
2nd - Libby Winter  
3rd - Rosie Locke

**Open Mens**
1st - Mick Corcoran  
2nd - Andrew Engel  
3rd - Robert Whitfield

Over 40s Champion  
Andrew Engel  

Over 50s Champion  
Mick Corcoran  

Over 60s Champion  
Billy Hill  

Volunteer/Clubman of the Year  
Andrew Engel  

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President’s Report by Gary “Legs” Vaughan

It’s been a great year for club. Membership is up with a lot of new families joining and our financials have never been healthier. If it sounds like I’m talking up the executive committee...wееее! I am.

As President I must personally thank Billy, Andrew and Bruce for their excellent contribution to the club. Not forgetting the back up crew of social organisers who made all the functions a great success, the crew who pitched tents, judged heats, cleaned up after barbies, volunteered for the Festival and the list could go on and on. A huge thank you to all.

Congratulations to our National team members Rosie, Josh and Jackson - you did us all proud.

It’s common knowledge that I won’t be on the Executive next year but I will most certainly be active in the club getting involved in a few projects. Which brings me to the AGM next week.

For all those members who believe certain functions could be redefined or re-defined please come along and put your hand up to assist. You often hear in the wings that “the club should do this or the club should do that”. Remember you are the club and you can be involved in the future success of it.

Whilst on defining moments......Griffo’s reaction to winning the John Madill sponsored Classic Malibu board.....does it get any better than that? His reaction said it all! “Look Mum, I won something!”

PS: Congratulations to Phil Jarratt for delivering a successful Festival.
Virgin and the NMC send stars to California.

A cross continent challenge aimed at increasing international visitor numbers at the Noosa Festival of Surfing this week received an unexpected boost.

Festival director Phil Jarratt was determined to send a team to next month’s Malibu Surf Challenge but, with just weeks to go, it looked like the Noosa Malibu Club would have to foot the bill.

And that’s when Sir Richard Branson stepped in, offering to fly the surfers to the US on V Australia - for free.

“The 2010 Noosa Festival of Surfing is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever,” Mr Jarratt said.

“I’m absolutely thrilled with two recent developments that go towards ensuring its success.

“The first is the sponsorship of V Australia to enable a Noosa team to travel to California for the Malibu Teams Classic next month.

“And the other is the news that The Noosa Journal and weekender magazine (Quest Newspapers) have taken over as the festival’s new print media partner.

“Australia’s newest Pacific carrier already promises rock star treatment on board, and now they’re offering us surf star treatment to LA to establish a surfing exchange program between Noosa and Malibu, the world’s two leading centres of longboard surfing.”

Jarratt, and Mark Kelly, CEO of Global Surf Industries, the Noosa Festival’s major sponsor, said the trip was a key part of their long-term plan.

“The Americans reckon Malibu is the best longboard wave in the world and we reckon Noosa is, so it seemed like a no-brainer to put it to the test in a team challenge between surfers from the two breaks,” Mr Kelly said.

“The first round will be held at Malibu in September, with the decider at the Noosa Festival next March. There’s already a buzz about the challenge and we expect it to draw a huge Californian contingent to Noosa.”

Jarratt said he would lead the four-man Noosa Malibu Club team, which includes former world champion Josh Constable, noseriding specialist Matt Cuddihy and leading junior Jackson Winter.

“This will be a real grudge match,” he said. “We want to show them that First Point Noosa produces better waves and better surfers than First Point Malibu.

“Josh, Matt and Jackson are among the finest longboard surfers on the planet and I have every confidence in their ability to represent Noosa. The fourth member of the team will be relying on old age and treachery to overcome youth and talent.”

The Malibu Surfing Association is planning to send a big contingent of their leading surfers to Noosa next March for the return bout at the surf festival.

“Both clubs are eager for this to become an annual event, and it’s a great way to promote our festival in the lucrative American market,” Mr Jarratt said.

“The Noosa Malibu Club has generously voted to financially support our team visit too. Everyone wants to see Noosa kick some butt over there.

“We’re riding on the back of three great years for the festival under Global’s sponsorship, but this year our American visitation numbers were down a little so we aim to address that with a media and promotions bombardment,” he said.

The 2009 event welcomed 538 competitors up more than 15 per cent on 2008 making it the biggest surf festival in the world.

Jarratt said he would not be extending the competitor base too far in 2010 but instead would create more “off-beach” entertainment to attract more spectators.

3 VACANCIES FOR FIRST AID COURSE.

If you are new to the club you might not be aware that we are putting on a First Aid course for NMC members. There are 3 vacancies for the course and the club has agreed to pay up to 50% of the cost (between $55 and $70). If you are interested - and can attend on Thurs. 3rd September at 8.30am (it will go all day with a lunch break) at Sunshine Beach SLSC - please email me ASAP to secure your spot.
3 Way Event brings out old guns. By Di Cuddihy

As the sun came up over Moffats a band of Noosarians gathered on probably the most coldest morning of the year to challenge the infamous 3 Way Event with Alex and Caloundra Mal clubs.

It was good to see such a great roll up - from juniors to life club members. Gordon Fuz was there and made the best comment of the day when Norm Brokenborough, Mick Wilson and Darryl Homan turned up saying: “Hey guys, we are right now!” Well maybe, but not quite.

With guns at our ready we went into battle with no club members denied a turn. The surf started out small but as the tide pushed in so did the swell.

Some of the sets were pretty hard to work out, shutting down in different sections. Lindon and Jackson did our juniors proud with some fantastic surfing and not to mention the club guns - Bruce, Andrew, all the Marks, Rob, Gary & Paul. Mick C blew them out of the water - as did Josh - with definite first places.

At the start of the day Noosa were in front but as the day progressed Alex, with only a hand full of members surfing multiple heats, raced to the front and that’s where they stayed.

Our old brigade came out with guns firing with some great surfing from Win, Hommie, Norm B, Mick W., Phil Jarratt and the Fuzman - who should of taken a place out higher up the score board but ended up with 5th - a little confusion with the colours and judging perhaps?

Phil knew the jig was up in the last heat, when a bloke about his age paddled out to the line-up and handed his contest vest to junior hottie Mitch Surman.

The families and friends all had a great day, Moffat’s turned on great weather and such a beautiful spot to enjoy the surf. At the end of the day Alex came 1st, Noosa 2nd, the host club Caloundra 3rd. Big thank you to Caloundra for making us all feel welcome, looking after us and giving us great friendship.

Director’s Report.

by Phil Jarratt

Many NMC members who usually compete have yet to take advantage of the 25% discount offer on all entries. Remember, this offer is open to all current financial members until the AGM, so enter on-line, download and fax or mail, or drop into Back Beach in the Junger.

Apart from the great news about V Australia supporting our club team to the MSA Classic in Malibu next month, sponsorship for the 2010 festival is looking quite solid, with many of this year’s sponsors committing again, and a few new people very interested.

The website is live and active, thanks in no small part to Mark Dowling, so check out www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com to watch developments as they happen. (Well, almost.)

AGM: The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September at Sunshine Beach SLSC at 7.30pm. Please come along, help the club run and get involved.

Nominations have been received for the following positions but there is a lot to do - and the more people we have doing it - the better it is, so come and have your say.

Nominations in writing:

President    Dave Dunn
Vice President    Peter White
Treasurer    Bruce Goulding
Secretary    Andrew Engel

Dates for the Diary.

Next GM: Will be held immediately following the AGM on Wednesday 2nd September at Sunshine Beach SLSC at 7.30pm. Please come along.

LOST & FOUND

After the grom’s coaching class with GT at Castaways a few weeks back, a pair of new black Billabong thongs (size 12) went astray. Did someone pick them up? If so, please let me know.

Global Surf Industries

Picture of the Month:

Jackson Winter psyching himself up for his 3 Way Heat at Moffat’s.

If you have any comments, pictures or stories for the next issue of the newsletter please email me at secretary@noosamalibucub.org See you in the water! Andrew Engel
Look and learn from amongst our own.

We could all do worse than follow the lead of some of our own members as - apart from the obvious two Australian Champions - there are some in the club who perform week after week no matter what the swell’s doing.

Mick Corcoran is one and he can find pockets of power in even the smallest waves. That’s Mick above in yellow lining up an off the lip move that would score well.

One of our newer members Pat Sweeney is another who performs well in all competitions. Note his nose perching abilities on page 1 but here (below) how he stands back on the board and lets the power of the wave bring the nose around. It all happens in the blink of an eye but is clearly visible in this stop frame sequence.

Nice work guys - now let’s all get out there and do it too!

When it’s time to bail...bail in style.

We all choose different ways to exit a wave, either intentionally or not! I was once told, that when competing, it is always best to try and flick out of the wave, as this move will be the last thing the judges see before they clock up your score. So exit in style and your scores will reflect this. Having said that, when looking through this month’s pictures I found a few great shots and sequences of some very different exiting techniques...hope these give you a smile (sorry in advance to those featured.)