



Shorerider

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Message from the Prez

Happy Holidays to all of our members. I wish all of you the best through the holidays and plenty of surf in 2008!

The question everyone is asking is "Where were you on Big Wednesday?" I hope you all had the chance to experience the big waves of December 7th.... either on one, or watching safely from the beach. We surfers in San Diego get the chance to watch some really big surf every few years so I hope you seized the opportunity and have a good story to tell. The best photos I've seen yet are at John Slavin's site and you can find the link from our featured photographers on our website www.ljssa.org. I'm hoping to hear some great stories at the Holiday Party.

Thanks to all those members who renewed their memberships for another year. As always we're doing great things in the club and we promise to look after your local



More babies!

They keep on coming as our burgeoning surf family is certainly prolific!

We welcome to our

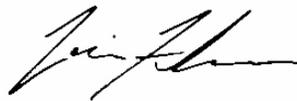
clan **Annabelle Jade Wirths Tihanyi** born to parents Isabelle "Izzy" Tihanyi and Todd Wirths on September 11, 2007 weighing in at 7lbs, 9 oz. This one is sure to be a Surf Diva when she grows up!



Louis Fehrensen

beach and ocean for you. As a club we have strong voice in the local concerns of our community and your support is greatly appreciated. Any members interested in bringing new ideas or issues that you feel the club should be part of please join us at our monthly meeting or email me a louis@ljssa.org.

We'd be pleased to hear your thoughts



Louis Fehrensen, President

P.S. Please join us at our beach potluck on New Year's Day.



This next little girl already noses better than you...born to parents Michelle and Kevin Connelly. Say hello to **Kella Hana Connelly**, born November 5, 2007, weighing in at 7lbs, 5 oz and 20.5 inches long.

What beautiful girls! Congratulations to the proud parents! ♥

Mark Your Calendars!

- ⇒ **Tuesday, Jan 1, 2008- 9:30 a.m.** LJSSA Annual New Year's Day potluck on the boardwalk in front of Dave's truck. Group photo @ 10:30a.m.
- ⇒ **SAT./SUN Jan 5 & 6** Doheny Longboard Surfing Assoc. presents "Gathering of the Tribes" 2008 coalition contest @ Church's/San Onofre
- ⇒ **WED. Jan 23 6:30 pm** Monthly Club meeting @ LJ Recreation Center. First meeting of Menehune Contest Committee. All are welcome!
- ⇒ **Monday, February 25th** deadline for our Annual Art Contest. More information online @ www.ljssa.org. Kids aged 18& under.
- ⇒ **April TBA... 8th ANNUAL LJSSA MENEHUNE CONTEST.** We'll need everyone to plan on volunteering! Stay tuned.

My Local Lineup

An interview with founder Andre Niemeyer



*Andre competing in first ever Stand Up Paddle Division at Oceanside.
Photo by John Slavin*

You may have noticed Andre or one of the gang from My Local Lineup filming at our beach...if you haven't checked out their new website, then you don't know what you've been missing: www.mylocallineup.com. We were fortunate to have Andre and his team prepare and edit surf videos for our annual holiday party this year. Go see if you can find yourself or one of your buddies online...that's what it's all about.

How did you get the idea for my local lineup?

Just like an ordinary day at the beach, I had caught my share of waves and was then standing in the parking lot chatting with a few friends. Sometime during the conversation, I started to realize how rich, and yet fleeting, those moments are.

So after leaving the beach, where could I go to get a glimpse of my local lineup? Main stream surf media is almost exclusively obsessed with professional surfing, surf reports, and swell forecast. And as such, it doesn't have much to offer me. Hollywood has traditionally been in the business of characterizing local surf communities almost entirely as a band of vandals. Then again, this isn't the crowd that I hang with. There was nothing portraying -- even more so accurately portraying -- my local lineup.

To attempt to solve this problem, there would have to be a project that portrays local surf communities, while at the same time relying on them for input. That's how the idea for *My Local Lineup* came to life.

How did you get the website started?

Once I started sharing the idea, the response was "uncontrollably" positive. Motivated by the feedback, Garrett Highhouse (a friend of mine) and I started working on the site. As a professional graphic designer, Highhouse worked on the artistic element of the site, while I worked on the layout and programming.

Someone stopped me at Tourmaline the other day to tell me about your website! How are you getting coverage at so many local surf breaks?

From the beginnings of the site (nearly two months ago), we've come a long way. Since its inception, *Mylocallineup* has relied and intends to continue to rely on the work of the Mylocallineup Team Members and Volunteers. Team members include not only Garrett Highhouse (graphic design) and myself (project management), but a highly qualified group in charge of different areas of the project: editing and writing articles (Garrett Miller), movie editing (Eric Cox), and computer programming (Ari Ganguly). Previous to Mylocallineup, all of them have had professional experience in their area of responsibility and also have received substantial academic training therein.

But of even more importance is the contribution of the *Mylocallineup* users. From writing articles and taking pictures to filming and sharing news, their input is largely what allows *Mylocallineup* to get "coverage at so many local sites". Each one of their inputs is a brick toward building a resource to local surf communities.

Tell me about some of the positive responses to the site...

Well, the popularity of the site at various breaks and its thousands of visitors from San Diego and abroad are both testaments of the site's success, especially given that the site is barely two months old! But on a more personal note, I love the story of surfers who find either themselves or their friends on the site. Their excitement vindicates the site's mission. And the numerous emails expressing an agreement with the Mylocallineup mission are also very encouraging.

Tell me something you didn't expect...a consequence of launching the site that surprised you.

I didn't expect so many regular visitors from places out of SoCal, especially from places like Michigan and Thailand. But somehow, we get them.

What about sustainability?

The site is set up to accept donations, but sustainability is to be driven from the sales of ad space. Donations are just one of the many ways that users can become involved. Normally, one photo would cost you about \$25 and footage well above that. At Mylocallineup, they are all FREE! So like we state on the site, "If you appreciate our services and believe in the Mylocallineup project, then we invite you to contribute financially, with the intent of both maintaining and advancing its scope and quality." We also derive revenue from ad space, but unlike the usual advertiser, those with an ad on Mylocallineup aren't just promoting their products...they are also sponsors of the local surfer.

Anything else you'd like shores surfers to know?

Keep up with your stoke and community spirit. And if you believe in the Mylocallineup project, then we encourage you to become involved. You can write short or long stories about your community; you can take pictures; and if you want, you can even film. And remember that at Mylocallineup every input is a brick toward building a resource for your local surf community.



Coalition Contests

Cardiff Reef and Church's

In October, LJSSA surf team competed in the Annual Swamis Surf Assoc. contest at Cardiff Reef where the surf was behaving! Team members didn't fare so well, but we did have two of our young men advance to the final heat of the men's short-board open: Patrick Riha took 6th place and Chris Zell took 4th. Now imagine what they might have done had they been on time to their final heat!! Aaah, youth. We're all looking forward to Doheny's contest at Church's January 5th & 6th. Come up and cheer us on. We'd love to have you join the team...You don't have to be a pro, and it can be a lot of fun. For more information, please contact lorraine@ljssa.org or tel: 858-692-5235.



Old Guys Rule from left to right: 1. Inside Wave Dave 2. Legendary Swami's surfer John Peck 3. Mike Tinsley aka "Tinman". 4. Marcus Roberti 5. Matt Bronco 6. Tristan Sullaway on his way to the nose 7. Art busts a move 8. Lalo Roberti 9. Nikki Belanger 10. Gary Moe 11. Kieko 12. Dad w/ groms 13. Scott Welch w/ daughter Olivia 14. "We're too sexy for this bench!" Gary Etchings (left) and John Buono 15. The Bench 16. Scott Welch out surfin'. If you have a photo you'd like to share, please send it to Lorraine w/ a caption so we can include in the next issue of *The Shorerider*..thanks!

Photos courtesy of
www.mylocallineup.com



LJSSA member profile....*Shawn Brown*

1. FULL NAME:

Shawn K. Brown, 51 years old

2. WIFE/FAMILY (optional): Wife: Meredith – Forever young; Sons: Cameron 18 and Trevor 9; Daughter Eleanor 14

3. OCCUPATION: Investigator, San Diego City Attorney's Office

4. STARTED SURFING WHEN?

The first time I remember surfing was in the Zuma Beach Junior Lifeguard Program during the summer of 1970.

5. FIRST SURFBOARD:

My first surfboard was an old 8'6" Con Ugly purchased thru a classified ad in the L.A. Times.

6. ALL-TIME FAVORITE SURFBOARD

A Castor 7'10" single fin pin tail – yellow bottom, white deck. It was originally purchased by a friend out of the used board pile at Mitch's Surf Shop in 1980. I purchased it in 1984 from him for \$125 and used it as my gun until 1998. What made the board special was how fast it could get you out of trouble. It was like it had a 6th gear or an afterburner. Now you see me, now you don't.

7. SURF NICKNAME?: None

8. GOOFY or REGULAR? Regular Foot.

9. FAVORITE SURF SPOT?

The old Scripps Pier. The "A" frame peak that use to break off the south side of it during the winter was killer.

10. MOST MEMORABLE SURF EXPERIENCE?

While surfing Black's during a big winter swell, I got caught inside by a three-wave set that came out of nowhere. While it came towards me, all I could think about was hyperventilating

because I know that I was going to have to dive deep to get under it. A group of us took it on the head and when the set passed, I was the only one still there. It was spooky.

11. FAVORITE THING ABOUT THE SHORES?

I like the way the south winds during the winter storms blow off shore. It makes the water cold and the waves killer.

12. SHORES' BITCH?

If I had a bitch, I would surf somewhere else.

13. FUNNIEST THING YOU EVER SAW IN THE WATER?

A friend, Jeff, and I were surfing 11th Street in Del Mar on a hot summer day. We were out beyond the surf waiting for waves, when a porpoise with a small baby came swimming south along the beach. They swam directly under my feet, but unbeknownst to Jeff, they decided to surface under his board. The baby's rhythm was disturbed by Jeff, so the mother surfaced under Jeff's board and smacked it with her tail. Jeff was shocked, he kept repeating "What did I do? I didn't do anything to it." I was laughing my head off.

14. ROLE(S) IN LJSSA?

My positions with the Club have been that of First and Second Vice-President for the last three years. However, my main role is to do whatever Stephanie and Lorraine tell me to do. Just kidding ladies.

15. WHAT DO THEY SAY IN THE PARKING LOT ABOUT YOU?

Recruit a friend and replace your old LJSSA t-shirt w/ a new one!

For those of you who faithfully support us every year and have renewed your membership...THANK YOU! We've got a new member drive underway and if you successfully sponsor and recruit a new member to the surf club, we'll replace your old surf club t-shirt with a brand new one! Just pickup an application from Dave's truck and/or see Pete Z. or Lorraine for details: lorraine@ljssa.org

LJSSA WISH LIST:

- *Website design/maintenance
- *Newsletter layout/graphics
- *Someone who'd like to organize a guest lecturer, movie, or something for one of our meetings
- * Art Contest Coordinator



Who the hell is that guy???

LAST TIME YOU GOT A HAIRCUT? I shave my head three times a week, whether I need it or not. I gotta keep it shiny.