



## Contest Report

28 June 2011

### Chief of the Reef 4

19/06/2011

### Reef

### 2-3 ft light Onshore

There were some bleary eyes and sore heads up the reef on Sunday, and for once they weren't mine. With a birthday, wedding and what ever else people go to these days there were, as usual, a few folk who should have known better, but still they turn up, keen to make their own mark into the race for the Chief this year. Coupled with the fact that Mole was learning how to teach surfing up at Gwithian, Doova was nowhere to be seen and Sparky had Will to take care of (that's his son by the way but by the looks of Will B that morning I think he wouldn't of minded a cuddle off Sparky) there was evidently a concerted effort to close the gaps in the League and make sure certain folk aren't running away with it.

So as predicted the surf turned out to be fun, even after the aftermath of gale force winds the day before, it turned out to be highly contestable with 2-3 footers coming through on the dropping tide. Oh yea of little faith. The tone was immediately set in the first round with a lot of the contenders smelling blood with Mole away. Will washed away the cobwebs with a solid performance in front of a rejuvenated Kiwi Sparky and highly un-rejuvenated Richie who struggled walking up the cliff let alone catching any waves. Martin showed his hand early on as well and got through a touch heat with Bru and Dai getting in each others way, with the result that Dai squeaked through to a semi. Fionn and Jay ripped me out the water in the next heat and I was left looking for excuses but seeing as I didn't have any, no booze the night before, I had to shuffle into the judges post and try and look important. The last heat of round one saw Bow storm through with a text book wave comprising of 2 solid hits followed by a "lay forward" "pig dog" bazza of the highest quality just like Occy at Kirra in Green Iguana. Bernie nearly got through until the new school moves of a re interested Sam B came through whilst Matt was left wondering if there are any other sports he can take up that don't involve water, wetsuits and other people.

With the way the draw went we were left with one hell of a first Semi involving Will, Dai, Fionn and Martin. Three former Chiefs and one surfer's surfer, I know which one I'd rather have hey Jay. One big heat though and it was certainly a cracker. Will couldn't quite get it together due to high levels of alcohol in his blood stream still and Fionn didn't quite find the rhythm either so although they fought like troopers they



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were no match for Sam B and a judge who likes anything with a slight bit of "old school" in it. Hence why Dai's Egan like lay back bazza garnered top marks. To be fair he then tore the arse out of a left to back up he is old school shenanigans.

It the next semi Bow lost his way and seemd to have peaked in the round before, Kiwi marked his best result for a while with lots of waves but not the scores whilst Jay got through with some serious hacks and arm waving. Martin though was looking like he had some momentum building and certainly looked like the chief of old.

So onto the final and it looked like it was going to turn into a cracker. Jay started off strong with a solid 6 pointer with some swooping carves on a right hander, however he couldn't find that magic back up wave and took fourth. Martin's momentum deserted him entirely and although he put in a solid performance it wasn't enough to beat Sam or Dai. In the end Sam was always going to be the likely winner. He had the rights sown up and soon got a couple of good scores locked in with his usual panache where as Dai was looking for the lefts but unfortunately for him the judge who likes his "old school" manoeuvres had gone home so Dai came in second this time.

So well done to Sam on his return to competition, he has a lot of catching up to do as we are now 4 comps in and we are only half way through the year so it looks like it could be a bumper season. Martin, Will and Bow have now made big indentations into Moles' lead so it is now game on. Martin is top of the Oranges, Jay is well out in front of the Greens and Kiwi has quite a lead in the Pink League. It is certainly spicing up for a corker of a back half of the year and the run in for the 2011 Chief of the Reef.



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## Final Positions

Position	Contestant	Points	Notes
1st	Sam Boex	1,600	
2nd	Dai Lawton	1,400	
3rd	Martin Lawless	1,200	
4th	Jay Rowe	1,000	
=5th	Bow	800	
=5th	Fionn Crow Howieson	800	
=7th	Will Boex	700	
=7th	Kiwi Sparky	700	
=9th	Bernie Robinson	500	
=9th	Rog Mellie	500	
=9th	Bruno Martin	500	
=9th	Richard Scott	500	
=13th	Matt Lawless	400	





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## League Standings

Zone	Position	Name	Contests	Best Position	Points
Red	1	Mole	3	1st	3700
Orange		Martin Lawless	4	3rd	3700
Red	3	Will Boex	4	3rd	3400
Orange	4	Bow	3	3rd	3000
Red	5	Doova	3	1st	2900
Green		Jay Rowe	4	4th	2900
Red	7	Fionn Crow Howieson	2	1st	2400
Red	8	Pete Edkins	3	3rd	2300
Orange	9	Richard Scott	4	=5th	2200
Pink		Kiwi Sparky	4	=7th	2200
Red	11	Dai Lawton	2	2nd	1900
Red	12	Joe Grant	2	2nd	1800
Orange		Sparky	2	4th	1800
Green		Rog Mellie	4	=9th	1800
Red	15	Sam Boex	1	1st	1600
Pink	16	Johno Peck	2	=5th	1500
Green	17	Craig Adam	1	2nd	1400
Pink		Bruno Martin	3	=9th	1400
Green		Bernie Robinson	3	=9th	1400
Pink	20	Kelvin Batty	3	=13th	1200
Green	21	Matt Lawless	2	=11th	900
Pink	22	Dave Scott	1	=10th	600
Green	23	Tom Wells	1	=9th	500
Green		Andrew Beswick	1	=11th	500
Pink	25	Sam Crowther	1	=16th	400