



Contest Report

27 December 2008

League Contest Four

24/12/2008

Reef/Dollands/Wrestles

2-3 glassy to small cross chop

There were howls of protest on Christmas eve morning when we rocked up at the reef. Many a muttering of "we can't hold it in that shit!" and "Its flat, lets just go to the pub" were all heard to come out of Martin's mouth that chilly morning. And why not indeed. The overall title was on the line and only Mole and Martin had showed up from the front runners. Plus with head high runners coming into the low tide reef many a person wouldn't have betted on Martin to maintain his lead and take the title, especially as Dollands was starting to look a little tasty.

So we commenced after a discussion about how shit Magic Seaweed is and after we stoked the fire up to set the Wrestles cliff ablaze. But it wasn't just the cliff that was on fire, the surfing on this morning was red hot!!

With a choice of 3 breaks within the judges view it was pot luck as to who would get the best waves. It showed especially in the second heat where due to the seeding Martin got drawn with Bow, Kiwi Sparky and Sparky R. Tough heat as Martin elected to follow Sparky R to Dollands whilst Bow and Kiwi sat on the reef peak. It looked like straight away that a wrong decision had been made as Bow proceeded to tear the top off a couple of punchy lefts whilst Sparky R was getting slotted at Dollands. However after a couple of bombs and a count back on all 3 judges scorecards Sparky and Martin scraped through.

The same happened the next heat with Pete Edkins deciding to stay at Dollands whilst myself, Mole and Andy B took apart (well Mole and Andy anyway) the low tide reef peak. Again a gamble from Mole as a couple of bombs from Pete at Dollands could of fully put him out of contention as Andy B was ripping the playful lefts to shreds. It all came down to Moles last wave which garnered him a sweet barrel and a couple of turns for a well deserved 10 point ride.

Other notable events in the first round were Matts look and go drop in on Bernie, me actually getting a scored ride, Kelv getting knocked out by 2 kids and Richie's barrel which no one saw. We only have his word about it as we all thought he was waving for his Thermos flask when he finished that wave. Sorry Rich.

So onto the Semis which were fairly uneventful as there wern't really too many shocks as Dai, Sparky R, Martin and Mole all made it through to the final. So there we have it the 4 finalists. Basically Mole had to beat Martin to



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win the league and vice versa. So with the wind picking up a bit and tide coming in the four finalists paddled out to Wrestles whilst the rest of us had to restrain Kyber from throwing anymore wood on the blazing inferno we had started on the cliff. The final though was a complete anticlimax to a thrilling competition as Mole caught a bit of Mellie-itis and couldn't get to his feet on all 5 of his waves thereby handing the title to Martin. Dai gave Martin a good run for his money in the final but in the end it was Martin who took the bull firmly by the horns and peaked at the right time. Yes if you haven't heard already Martin won both the comp and the league!!!

So there you have it, a great end to a great contest year. Four comps overall all held in amazing conditions. Ranging from the first comp held in flawless 4 foot Wrestles to the second comp which started in bottoming out low tide grinders which we couldn't see and finished in highly ripable 4 foot mid tide Reef. Then on to the 3rd comp in solid conditions, but with half the north coast and a lack of visible rash vests. And finally the 2-3 foot clean conditions of the last comp. Fantastic.

Highlights for me was Dai's 10 point barrel at Wrestles in the first comp. The way he styled out of it so casually will forever be etched on mind (but only because I heard about it so often). Another highlight was the way the conditions changed in the second comp and how the surf finished. And lastly we finally crowned a winner who hasn't got Boex as a surname. So well done Martin.

Many thanks to everyone who gave me a hand judging and organising the bits and pieces. Especially to Timmy who has collated all the data and produced the league. We are going to re vamp it a little next year so stay tuned for a run down of the prizes and categories. Nice one guys and I will see you when i call the next comp sometime in Jan or Feb. Happy New Year!



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Final Positions

Position	Contestant	Points	Notes
1st	Martin Lawless	1,200	CHAMPION!!!
2nd	Dai Lawton	1,000	
3rd	Sparky	800	
4th	Mole	600	
=5th	Andrew Beswick	500	
=5th	Scott Eastwood	500	
=9th	Bernie Robinson	300	
=9th	Bow	300	
=9th	Pete Edkins	300	
=9th	Jay Rowe	300	
=13th	Richard Scott	200	
=13th	Rog Mellie	200	
=13th	Kiwi Sparky	200	
=13th	Matt Lawless	200	



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League Standings

Position	Name	Contests	Best Position	Points
1	Martin Lawless	4	1st	3700
2	Mole	3	1st	2900
3	Doova	2	1st	1900
4	Sam Boex	2	1st	1800
5	Dai Lawton	2	2nd	1600
	Will Boex	3	2nd	1600
7	Sparky	2	3rd	1500
	Matt Lawless	3	=7th	1500
9	Joe Grant	3	=5th	1400
10	Richard Scott	3	=5th	1300
	Rog Mellie	4	=13th	1300
12	Pete Edkins	3	=7th	1200
13	Jim Hills	1	2nd	1100
	Andrew Beswick	3	=5th	1100
15	Bernie Robinson	4	=9th	1000
16	Jake Boex	1	3rd	900
	Craig Adam	2	=5th	900
	Jay Rowe	3	=9th	900
19	Wes	2	=9th	700
	Bow	2	=9th	700
21	Tom Wells	1	=9th	600
22	Scott Eastwood	1	=5th	500
	Kiwi Sparky	2	=13th	500
24	Johno Peck	2	=13th	400
	Timmyfish	1	Judged 4 Heats	400
26	Pete McClenan	1	=13th	200
	Beaker	1	Judged 2 Heats	200