

SC SURF

SCOOP ON THE LOCAL SURF COMMUNITY



GROM OF THE WEEK Cole Houshmand

Age: 8, Vista Del Mar Elementary School

This curly headed dynamo has really been lighting up the surf competitions this summer. He ended the Western Surfing Association Championship Tour with a 2nd Place finish in the Micro Grom, Under 9 division. He surfed the WSA Menehune Surf Fest at Goldenwest Street, Huntington Beach, on July 12 and won the Boys Under 9 division. He then went on to the San Clemente Ocean Fest last weekend and took first in his division! Not bad for an eight year old. Cole rips in surf and on turf—he has been selected to play for the Pateadores soccer club, which is one of the top soccer clubs in Southern California. Cole has recently been on a couple of great surf trips, visiting both Costa Rica and the North Shore of Oahu. He plans to surf the new Boys U-10 division in WSA this season.



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Camp Surf and Turf

New surfing and golf combination camp debuts in San Clemente

By Andrea Swayne
San Clemente Times

Are surfing and golf the new peanut butter and jelly of the action sports world? The new cookies and milk?

When high profile professional surfers like Kelly Slater and Rob Machado play a sport outside of surfing, it's only natural that future up-and-coming surfers take notice. The increasing interest in golf, by surfers, was the inspiration for a partnership between Endless Summer Surf Camp and the Aloha Academy of Golf at the Talega Golf Course. Their new summer camp option provides a full day—surf in the morning at San Onofre, golf in the afternoon at Talega—that can keep even the most energetic and easily bored kids happily engaged and on their way toward becoming dual-sport athletes.

Surf and Turf camp is open to all levels of surfers and golfers over the age of ten—no experience required. Campers don't even need to have their own equipment for either sport, making it a great way for beginners to try out sports that the camp kids are quick to point out, "just go together."

"In recent years we've seen a big crossover of surfers into the sport of golf," said Talega's PGA Director of Instruction Randy Chang. "This is the first time we've partnered with a surf camp and we're very excited about it. The feedback has been great so far. The kids really love it!"

Part of the initial concern regarding packing two sports into each day was the possibility that it would make for an over-tiring day for campers. Quite the opposite has been observed according to Chang, who was pleasantly

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surprised that it seems to have the opposite effect on kids. "It breaks the day up nicely for them," said Chang. "I think it energizes them. They just keep asking for more."

Kids are not the only ones getting in on the fun. "We even have a father and son taking the camp," said Chang. "Both are learning something new and having a great time together."

Golf and surfing have another commonality



Anna (14) and Natalie Brugler (10) arrive at the Talega practice range after a morning spent on the beach learning to surf. Photo by Andrea Swayne

in that they both become a permanent part of an athlete's lifestyle. "You can only take a beating playing football for so long," said Chang. "You can golf and surf for a lifetime."

Endless Summer owner Jason Senn is looking forward to keeping the combo camp on his roster in the future attributing much of its popularity to similarity between the two sports. "Most of the top WCT surfers all golf," said Senn. "The feeling of catching that one really great wave of the session is very similar to the feeling of playing that one perfect hole of golf—the one you remember above all others. It's what keeps you coming back for more."

Out on the driving range, Assistant Golf Pro Rudy Jazo—who is also a surfer—was asked for his take on why surfers like to golf and vice versa. He agreed with Senn regarding the similar personality traits that surfers and golfers have toward sports. "Both sports are relaxed, gratifying and individual," said Jazo. "And golf, just like surfing, is very addictive."

The camp kids, when asked which they like better—surfing or golf—all had puzzled looks on their faces, as if it was a very difficult choice. Then all at once, in unison, came a resounding, "Both!" **SC**

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SURF RESULTS AND BOARD SHORTS

CALIFORNIA STATE GAMES

July 19, Camp Pendleton, Del Mar Jetties
Local finishers only **Boys Bodyboard 13-15:** 1. Dylan DiGiacomo, San Clemente. **Boys Shortboard 9-12:** 1. Kei Kobayashi, San Clemente; 4. Drew Hemmes, San Clemente. **Boys Shortboard 13-15:** 2. Ethan Carlston, San Clemente; 4. Dylan Colby, San Clemente. **Boys Shortboard 16-18:** 1. Levi Gregory, San Clemente; 4. Dayne Colby, San Clemente.

GLENN HENING AT THE CALIFORNIA SURF MUSEUM

July 22, 6 p.m. the California Surf Museum presents an educational and inspirational presentation by Glenn Hening, one of Surfrider Foundation's founding fathers. He tells the tale of the 25-year history of a band of surfers—with slides and personal memorabilia—who wouldn't take "no" for an answer. The meet and greet begins at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for members, and may be purchased online at www.surfmuseum.org. 312 Pier View Way, Oceanside. Call 760.721.6876 for more information.

HURLEY WALK THE WALK

July 24, 4 p.m. at the US Open of Surfing's festival area, Hurley presents Walk the Walk Grand Championships—a cross between "Project Runway" and "Battle of the Bands" where five high schools spend time at Hurley modifying a clothing line, coming up with their own designs, and then displaying their creations on the runway in a fashion show. The winner—as chosen by a panel of celebrity judges—will win \$10,000 for their school's art and design programs. Participating schools include San Clemente, Dana Hills, Lincoln-San Diego, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach.

OUT OF THE BLUE: THE OCEAN ART OF ASHTON HOWARD AND WADE KONIAKOWSKY

July 24-25, 5-9 p.m. the work of Wade Koniakowsky and Ashton Howard—wavescapes and ocean inspired art—will be on display at the Koniakowsky Gallery's new location at 346 S. Cedros Avenue in Solana Beach. For more information, log on to www.koniakowsky.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18-26: Hurley U.S. Open of Surfing, Huntington Beach, Pier

NEW! SC Times online video show

On this week's BoardShorts the 33rd Annual San Clemente Ocean Festival takes center stage as we document the weekend's happenings.



SURF FORECAST

Water temp: 65-70 °F

Water visibility and conditions: San Clemente: 5-7' poor; Catalina: 15-25' fair

Remarks: Overcast/foggy skies and rising swell make for limited visibility. Watch for moderate-heavy surge due to swell and wind.

Short range: A new, solid SSW swell builds in through the day, showing strongest late, with small-scale NW windswell mixing in. Better breaks are good for shoulder-head high+ sets, as standouts see some sets a few feet over-head. Plus sets are likely just before nightfall. Shape is generally walled at the beachbreaks with clean conditions.

Long range: Solid SSW swell continues through the weekend, keeping the region in decent sized surf into the beginning of next week. Another SW swell looks to set up for the 28-31 of July.

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