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A Message from the Prez...

Welcome to a New Year, six new Executive Board members, four returning board members and a whole lot of sand and swell. The rain and storm surf are an added benefit closing the harbor mouth, crumbling parts of West Cliff Drive possibly offering up a wave or two at Casino's. The sand is definitely hugging the cliffs at The Lane and Cowell's is peeling on mid to low tides. If you have not been off the point at The Lane lately big chunks have fallen off and the Pinnacle Rock looks smaller.

I hope this year brings everyone good health, plenty of time to surf and happy personal lives. We are lucky to live and surf here. There are many years of tradition, stories and history within the Santa Cruz Longboard Union. Over the next two years we will be resurfacing some of those historical traditions and creating new ones. We will not forget those that have passed before us and we will celebrate who we are as we add new experiences to our surfing family in the years to come.

We had a holiday gathering at Hula's one evening and about 25 club members and their families showed up and were treated to beverages and some good Hawaiian eats. It was nice to see everyone relaxed after the holidays.

Wow, we had a fabulous beach bon fire right after the new year and torched a few holiday trees. The original plan was to keep the tradition going at the parking lot just past 26th Avenue and when we went to check it out, the beach had washed out! With uncanny flexibility, we notified members and set up at Twin Lakes Beach in one of the fire pits. There are some great pictures and some personalities within the club who might want to add “pyromaniac” after their names.

Your new Executive Board met this last weekend for a three hour retreat. We agreed on standards that the board will abide by in planning club activities and events. The intention is to plan more fun events and encourage guest speakers, timely educational topics, short surf videos and just play more. Come to the meeting and hear all the plans! Come check out the contest schedule and if that is not your interest, we are planning other activities so come and get involved.

As a club, the mission of the Santa Cruz Longboard Union is to preserve, promote and perpetuate the values, beliefs and essence of surfing.

Hope to see you all in the water or on the cliffs.

Jane M. McKenzie
President, Santa Cruz Longboard Union
2016-2018





Below is a story written by the late "Hicko". Both Hicko and The Fish were original members of the SCLU when our club was started. Check our by-laws which has the original list of members.

Denny "The Fish" Moring
no cord, no jive
"doin' the deed"
Stockton Avenue,
photo : Van Selus



CASINO'S, THE FISH AND A RIP LIKE A RIVER.

by Hicko

It was one of those freezing cold January's when it rained like shit for two weeks. The ocean was brown from all the runoff and smelled like the earth when "the Fish" and I paddled out from Cowell's Cove. Third Reef was pumping in twenty foot steaming monsters and there was nothing but white water and foam from Middle peak to Indicators. No one was out. The huge north swells of 1984 would then turn and begin to elongate as they felt their way past the point at Cowells. The Fish and I thought we could make it out from the cove into the lineup and nap a couple of the big righthanders. He had his 9'4" Yater and I had my 9'6" Yater. As we stroked seaward we couldn't even make it out half way to the point. The horrendous rip was pushing everything in its path into the wharf. I felt like a piece of driftwood. Before long we had flowed into the wharf under Thowig's boat landing, where you can rent yellow fishing boats for a day. We were 100 yards off shore and drifting slowly towards the rivermouth. A couple of shortboarders paddled out from Main Beach and sat 20 yards inside the Fish and I. As I looked shoreward, I realized we were directly in front of the boardwalk in the vicinity of Casino's Reef. Casino's was a near mythical surf spot I heard of back in the late 50's when I just started surfing. I heard tales of a huge left breaking wave that sometimes appeared on Third Reef days, when the rip was strong and the swell was directly from the north, but I had never seen it break in 25 years.

Then the set came. One of the shortboarders screamed, "Outside!!" A monstrous batch of swells evidently missed Third Reef swung wide of Cowells Point and turned towards Main Beach outside the wharf. I had no idea just how big the waves were, but each swell humped up the entire length from the wharf to the rivermouth. The Fish and I pumped for the horizon hard. We barely made it over the first wave and I remember hearing a scream from the pack of shortboarders as the wave broke outside them. The next wave was bigger but seemed to peak up somewhat. I couldn't believe it when the Fish spun around and started stroking shoreward. I went over the top as the Fish stood up, grabbed a rail and descended down into the pit of the giant lefthander. He turned up into the pocket and power glided in the direction of the wharf. He rode high in the heart of the tube and kicked out way down the line. I went over 6 or 7 more waves and was totally alone. The rip like a river was pushing me southward. I decided to paddle towards the beach as fast as I could. If another big set came, atleast I'd be inside enough to probably get to the beach, hopefully. I pulled with all my strength and caught a small wave,(6' to 8') turned down the face and proned in. I made it in somewhere between the casino and the ferris wheel. As I walked back along the low tide line to the wharf and my old Ford pickup, I realized that I had witnessed one of the most incredible rides in modern times at a spot that has broken only once in my lifetime. And that the Fish had conquered the mystical Casino's Reef.

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Saying 'Aloha' to our "Roots of Mainland Surfing"



photo by Dan Coyro

The Olo Closing Ceremony on Monday, 11/30/2015 at the MAH downtown. Olo's are in crates, to be shipped back to the Honolulu Bishop Museum. Replica redwood boards standing against the wall were shaped by Bob Pearson.

The following photos are of the olos coming down the stairs and being placed with a blessing in the crates. Kamu was chanting all the way down the stairs with a final blessing when they were placed. Photos by Janis Anderson & Michael Congdon.

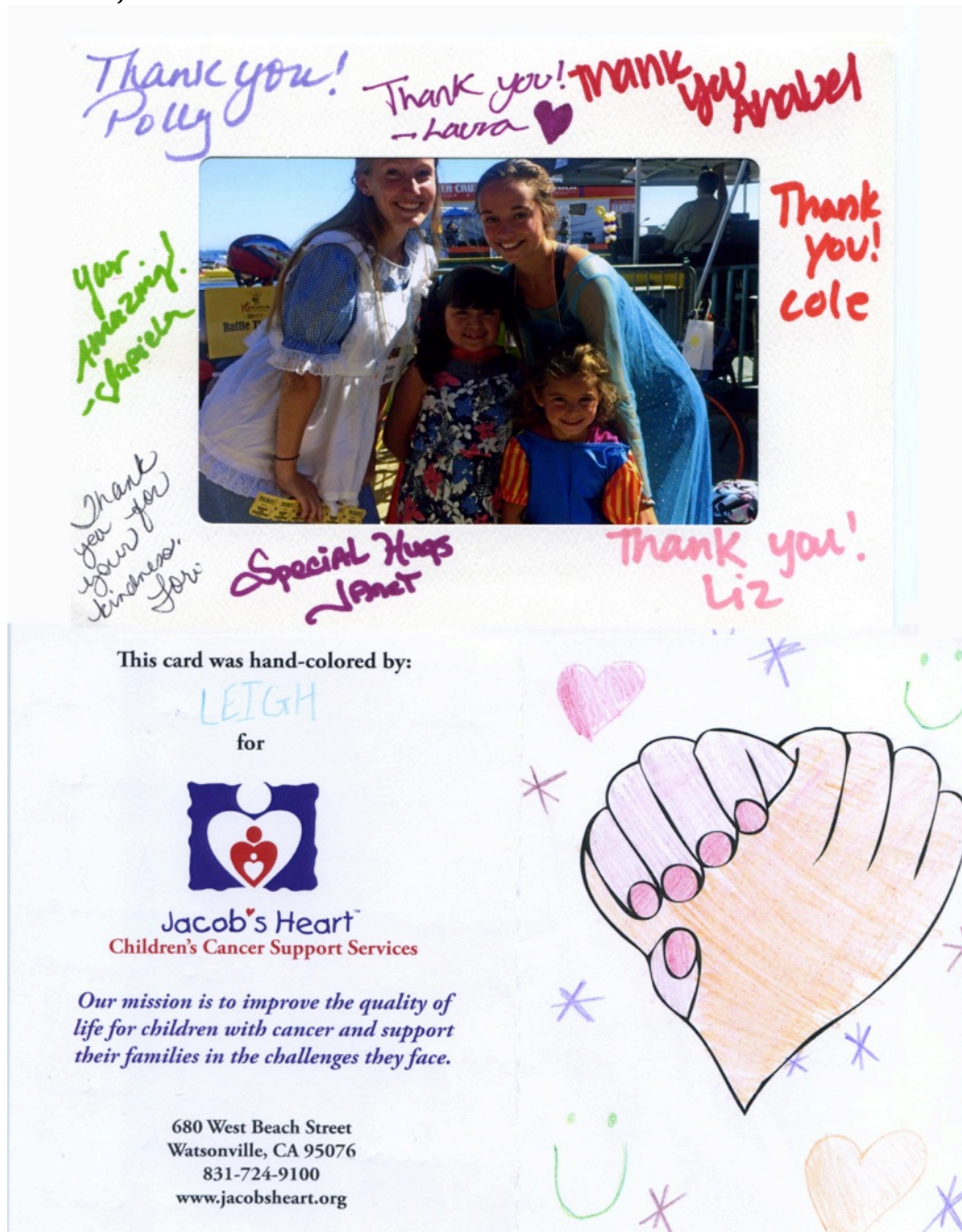




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Belated thanks for outstanding support and generosity to our Jacob's Heart families.

You guys are awesome! Thank you, Jacob's Heart"



2016 EVENT CALENDAR

Ride A Wave Days

www.rideawave.org

April 2, 3, 30

May 1, 14, 15

June 11,12, 16

Coalition Contests

www.surfclubs.org/tournaments

Logjam – April – Pleasure Point

Memorial Day Classic – May 28-29 – Steamer Lane

Call to the Wall – Summer – Malibu

MSA Classic – September 9-11 – Malibu

Windansea Surf Club – Fall – La Jolla Shores, Tower 11

Tourmaline Club Challenge – Fall – Tourmaline

Swami's – Fall – Swami's



A rare empty one at San Miguel, Baja Norte, December 2015 – photo by Trey Highton

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jane McKenzie, President 2016-2018
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Quentin Saludes, Sergeant at Arms 2016-2018
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Leslie Lee, Special Advisor 2016-2018



**Please remember to pay your 2016
Membership Dues!**

- 2016 Membership dues are due. \$35.00 single, \$50.00 for Family Membership
- Pete has started collecting dues at the meeting.
- Members can pay online at our website using Pay-Pal.
- Or, mail a check to: SCLU, PO Box 7495, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

SCLU CONTACT INFO:

SCLU WEBSITE:

<http://www.santa-cruz-longboard-union.com>

The Santa Cruz Longboard Union (SCLU), founded 1981, is a not-for-profit surf club. The SCLU is a proud member of the [The Coalition of Surfing Clubs \(CSC\)](#), an international organization that represents the interests of surfing clubs throughout California and the world.

The SCLU meets the first Wednesday of each month, at El Palomar Restaurant in Downtown Santa Cruz

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**6:30pm: Social
7:00pm: Meeting**

For more information about club
activities contact:
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The SCLU is a proud supporter of:

