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From: BSSA
To: Coalition Clubs



<http://www.bigsticksurfing.org>

Greetings and Aloha!

We are stoked to be able to invite your club to the BIG STICK LOGJAM! at Pleasure Point, Santa Cruz on APRIL 28-29! You will find a team roster form, team instructions, and contest rules enclosed. Please complete the roster/application form and get it back to us — with your team's check — before April 1st: the first 96 paid surfers will be in the LOGJAM! The contest fills up quickly and applications received too late will be returned, with our regrets. Entry fee is \$85 per surfer before April 1st and \$100 thereafter.

LOGJAM! 2012 is the twelfth running of this great event, following twelve great years of the Big Stick Surf-O-Rama before that. As has been true from the beginning, only boards made prior to 1970, and weighing more than 20 lbs. can be ridden with no kook cords allowed in the event. Both days of the contest will be held at Pleasure Point Park at 32nd Avenue and East Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz, California.

This year we will continue the very exciting element of traditional wooden surfboards: an open division just for alaias, olos, hot curls, solid or hollow planks. And we'll continue the very popular Aloha Team division as well!

1. We invite all surf clubs to submit applications to participate.
2. Logjam! is a two day contest: 7am to 5pm Saturday, the party (dinner, music, open mic/bring an instrument) at 6pm Saturday; and 8am to 2pm Sunday at Pleasure Point
3. We have the typical divisions for the 1960's boards: Junior Women, Women, Junior Men, Men, Senior Men, Masters, Grandmasters and Legends, but with a twist: exact age splits are not announced until the end of day one. This is done to keep divisions competitive, smaller and more fun. The most diverse teams are more successful.
4. The contest includes an individual paddle race as well. Each club can have up to two competitors paddling on an old board (>20 lbs, no cord, pre-1970), but the paddle competition is solo, not a relay.
5. The Aloha Team division consists of two surfers from each club in the same heat. All club Aloha Teams will paddle out together trying to ride a wave with their club's teammate. The first rider up (per standard Point Break Rules) will have his teammate join them to share the wave and display their proficiency at gracefully riding the wave together with Aloha.
6. And we'll have a special division for wooden boards this year – bring 'em out and let them shine!
7. To raise the fun quotient for everyone while allowing serious competitors to shine, we have combined the competition formats of the conventional interclub contests, of the big wave events, the Eddie and Mavericks contests, and of the club scrimmages. Everyone surfs twice on Saturday in mixed division heats and the top surfers from Saturday advance to Sunday's semi-final division heats.

Please review the following pages for the Team Composition, Entry Fees, Contest Format and Rules, which is also available at our website, <http://www.bigsticksurfing.org>

You will be just as stoked as we are about the upcoming LOGJAM!

Jon Ford
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<http://www.bigsticksurfing.org>

April 28-29th



TEAM COMPOSITION & ENTRY FEES

DEADLINE FOR CLUB ENTRIES IS APRIL 1st.

CONTEST FEE: Entry fee is \$85 (\$75 plus a mandatory \$10 RQR surcharge) per surfer which includes dinner at the party. Total team fee for 12 surfers: \$1020 plus your tandem team, Aloha team and wood board riders if neither is a paid competitor plus up to 6 alternates (alternate fees refunded if they don't surf).

BANQUET/PARTY ONLY: additional entrants can purchase dinner for \$20 at the door, and kids 12 and under are free. Dinner on Saturday evening starts at 6pm. There will be an open mike for musicians, so bring an instrument to play solo or jam with your fellow contestants!

NO BEACH ENTRIES! NO LATE ENTRIES! NO REFUNDS! The Roster you submit is your Team, period. If one of your surfers drops out, any one of your alternates may surf in his or her place. If you run out of alternates, we will fill the spot with another paid alternate.

QUALIFIED SURFERS: The BIG STICK LOGJAM! is a CLUB INVITATIONAL. All members of your club are welcome to participate in this event. If your club allows prospective members to surf for you, they are welcome, too. The club must be an existing established & recognized club with actual members. Your competitors should be regular club members and not just walk-ins or hired guns for the contest. It is not okay to poach competitors from other clubs to surf on your team.

FULL SURF TEAM: A full team consists of twelve surfers of any combination of age and gender, but should have at least one Junior (less than 18), two Women (any age), AND one Grand Master (50+) to be considered a full team. Partial teams are welcome as well, but will reduce your chance of winning the team contest. The most diverse team has the best chance of winning!

PADDLE RACERS: Two of your team's registered surfers may paddle for your club on Logjam eligible boards (pre-1970, weighing more than 20 lbs). The course will be out-and-back, with up to eight racers competing surfer-on-surfer. This is not a relay race. Elapsed time is typically 10 minutes. No entry fee for paddlers since they already paid to surf. Paddlers earn substantial team points for their club.

TANDEM RIDERS: Each club is invited to enter a coed tandem team consisting of one rider and partner, with the partner weighing at least 50% of the lifter's weight. If one or both of the tandem team are already paid competitors, entry is free. If entering the tandem competition only, the entry fee is \$85 for the team. Tandem teams earn substantial team points for their club. Tandem riders can use modern boards.

JUDGES: Teams must provide two judges who will be assigned shifts spotting, or judging along with the RQR Judges. Club judges who fulfill this obligation will earn substantial points toward your club's final score and lunch is provided.

PRIORITY OF CLUB ENTRIES: The competition has a total of 96 slots available, first paid, first filled. Each club is allowed 12 surfers plus 4 alternates and should include one Junior, two Women, and two Judges at minimum. (Aloha Team, wood board and Tandem entries are optional, but earn substantial points for their club in the event.) Rosters are due by April 1st, and if additional spots are open, paid alternates will be added.

SUCCESSFUL ENTRY NOTIFICATION: Clubs will be notified no later than April 10. Unsuccessful teams' entry checks will be returned immediately, with our regrets.



QUESTIONS? Contact our Contest Event Director: Gioni Pasquinelli: 408-460-7673 or gioni.pasquinelli@gmail.com

“Big Stick stands for Friendship and Camaraderie, both in and out of the water,” is the opening line of the oath every surfer swears when inducted into the Big Stick Surfing Association. The Club’s events have always reflected that Spirit and the LOGJAM! is no exception. The venue and format of the contest and the contest rules are about the promotion of Friendship, Good Sportsmanship, and FUN!

ALOHA CONTEST FORMAT – SATURDAY

ALOHA SURFING: First Heat at 7:00am at Pleasure Point Park (32nd Ave and East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz). All surfers will surf twice, with a first round in the morning and a second round in the afternoon. There will be six surfers in each 15 minute heat, in mixed divisions, Men, Women, Juniors, Masters, and so forth all surfing in the same heat. Competition will be indirect: men and women of all ages in the same heat but you are not surfing against them. The object will be to obtain the highest possible score for each wave ridden, and thereby the highest cumulative score at the end of the day. The top-twelve-scoring surfers in each division will qualify to advance to the semi-finals on Sunday. Scores and Heat Sheets will be posted at the Saturday night Party.

PADDLERACES: There will be two preliminary paddle races on Logjam eligible surfboards (pre-1970 weighing more than 20 lbs), starting on the beach, going out through the surf around the buoys and back to the beach. The races will be staged after the first round of surfing is completed and before the second round begins (usually around eleven am on Saturday). Each club has one slot in the two preliminary heats and may designate any of their twelve surfers or tandem riders to race for their team. The first three racers to the Finish Line in each semi-final will qualify for the six-person Final on Sunday. Paddlers are counted as semi-finalists and earn significant points for their teams.

ALOHA TEAM HEAT: After the last of Saturday’s second round heats there will be one 20 minute Aloha Team Heat. An Aloha Team consists of two surfers (any gender & any age) from each club roster as designated by the club’s team captain. Each club’s Aloha Team riders wear the same colored jerseys. All Team riders will surf in the same heat together (if we have 8 clubs participating then there will be 16 surfers in the water). The first surfer up will have his fellow club teammate join him on the wave and they will surf the wave together. Each wave ridden by the team will be given a single score from 0-20 for waves shared (the better coordinated the moves the higher the score). If your club teammate is unable to join you on the wave, a score of 1 point will be given and it will count as a ridden wave. Six waves maximum and the two highest scoring waves count. Interference rules still apply with only one club’s surfers riding each wave at any one time.

TANDEM: Depending on number of entries and surf conditions, there will be two 20 minute Tandem Preliminary Heats after the Aloha Team Heat. Tandem teams must consist of one male and one female, and the liftee must weigh at least 50% of the lifter. The top six tandem teams will progress to the Finals on Sunday. Those who don’t advance will be scored as semi-finalists, so it would behoove each club to provide a tandem team. As noted, there are no board restrictions like there are for surfing and paddle-race competitions.



BANQUET/PARTY: Surf heats end around 4:30, so clean up and head to the party at 6 pm. Full dinner provided. It's open mike night, so bring your uke or guitar!! Come over to view your heat scores and see who advances to Sunday.

CONTEST FORMAT – SUNDAY

SEMI-FINALS & FINALS, ALL DIVISIONS: Sunday's competition will run in conventional round-robin fashion with two semi-final heats in each division, starting at 8am at Pleasure Point Park, and continuing through the Finals; six surfers in each heat, 15 minute semi-finals, 20 minute finals. Aloha Team Heat: 20 minute practice and 30 minute final. Tandem: 20 minute semis and 30 minute final.

TEAM SCORING: team scores are the sum of their individual's performances in division heats, the paddle race and the Aloha Team Heats for first through ninth (6th in a semi-final) place plus 100-200 bonus points for club judges:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Team Points</u>
1st	1,000
2nd	900
3rd	810
4th	729
5th	656
6th	590
equal 7th (4th in semi)	531
equal 8th (5th in semi)	478
equal 9th (6th in semi)	430

AWARD CEREMONY & SURFBOARD RAFFLE: starts as close to 1 o'clock as we can get it. Awards go to top six in each division, top eight Clubs with several special individual awards: the Jay Moriarity Waterman Award, Phil Matthews Aloha Award and the Hot Dogger Logger (sum of scores over all heats).

PARKING: Parking in and around Pleasure Point is restricted to the street except for the parking lot at the Hook (41st Avenue) which is a couple blocks walk away. Street parking between 10am and 4pm is by permit only, which are available for purchase each morning from 7:30am to 10am from the Parking Control Officer in the clearly marked vehicle at the contest site. Please respect the residential neighborhoods all around us and park in appropriate spots only. If you purchase a day permit and receive a ticket anyway please take care of it with the Parking Control Officer that day to avoid a big hassle!

CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

BOARD RESTRICTIONS: Surfboards ridden in the contest must have been made prior to 1970 and must weigh more than 20 lbs. **NO CORDS!** The paddle-racers must race on Logjam!-eligible surfboards, pre-1970, over 20 lbs, min length: 9' or 3 feet taller than the surfer, max length: 10'8". Boards will be weighed and measured at check-in during the first round. **OLD BOARDS, NO CORDS!** As noted, there are no board restrictions for tandem like there are for surfing and paddle-race competitions.

HEAT START: Water starts. Surfers may enter the water at the five minute warning for the prior heat and must paddle out and wait outside the surfing area for their heat to begin. Being in the surfing path of a surfer whose heat is still going on could subject the person paddling out to an interference penalty.

WAVE COUNT: determined on the beach pending the conditions but traditionally it is a 4 wave maximum, 3 highest scoring waves count for the preliminary and semi-final heats. For the finals: 5 waves max, 4 count. It is the surfer's responsibility to keep track of waves caught and they must leave the water after they get their waves. Waves caught over the max will be scored "O" and will replace their lowest scoring wave.

WAVE SCORE: Scoring starts when a surfer's hands leave the rails as he or she stands up. Waves will be scored 0-20, with an average basic wave in the 8 point range. With five judges, we throw out the high and low judge and count the three middle scores. With 3 waves counting, 20 points max per wave, and 3 judge's scores counting, that is 180 points possible per heat (3 X 20 X 3). With 2 heats on Saturday, the max score is 360 points for the day.

HIGHEST SCORING WAVES: Surfing the largest waves and riding the steepest part of the wave, with style and power, completing multiple difficult maneuvers in total control, for the greatest length-of-ride, will earn highest points per wave. This contest encourages traditional moves as seen in the 60s, but surfers are invited to get as radical as they want on their 20 lb+, 30-year-old, cordless logs!

UP BEFORE OR AFTER: If a surfer catches a wave and stands up before his or her heat begins or after it ends, the wave will be scored "O" and will replace their lowest scoring wave.

PADDLING INTERFERENCE: Paddling in someone's path in a way that interferes with their surfing and -- in the Judges' eyes -- not making an effort to get out of the way, will earn the surfer a "0" on their lowest scoring wave. In all cases, if there are more than one penalties, the next-lowest wave will be scored "0" and so forth.

SURFING INTERFERENCE: The first surfer up, closest to the curl has the right-of-way on any wave. Other competitors who interfere with a surfer with right-of-way by dropping-in in front of the surfer, standing up after the first surfer is already riding and forcing the first surfer to kick out, breaking down the wave in front of the surfer, will be scored "0", replacing their highest scoring wave. At Pleasure Point some waves are long enough or big enough, to allow two surfers to ride at the same time, usually with a closing section between the parts of the waves being ridden. This is okay if seen so by the judges. The basic rule is, "If a surfer is hindered by another surfer from doing everything he or she can do on a given wave on which he or she has right- of-way, there is an interference call!" On the other hand, "No harm, no foul." If a surfer discovers he or she has dropped in by accident, the surfer should kick out immediately and, if they're quick enough, and lucky enough, the judges won't call it. The wave will be scored. Better one or two points on a wave than none. Every point counts...

If the judges think the interference was severe enough, the surfer who was interfered-on will get an extra wave. The judges will announce their decision over the P.A. during the heat and the interferee needs to be listening to see if an additional wave will be granted.

PROTESTS: No protests! Competitors or Team Captains attempting to talk to the judges may earn a penalty for their club. Don't do it. Team Captains may talk with Competition Director Gioni Pasquinelli, for clarification of judges' decisions or to obtain particular sets of heat sheets for review.

DISQUALIFICATION & PENALTIES: A surfer may be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct, protesting, whining, complaining, or arguing with any judge. Under-21 surfers may be disqualified for drinking alcohol at the Saturday night party. A club may be disqualified from the competition for adult members furnishing alcohol to its underage surfers at the party, at the option of the Contest Committee.

By April 1st, please email your roster to
 info@bigsticksurfing.org and mail a check to:

Big Stick Surfing Association
 c/o Gioni Pasquinelli
 765 LOMA PRIETA DR
 APTOS, CA 95003



ENTRY FORM

Club Name: _____
 Team Captain: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Fax: _____

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Total Paid</i>
Surfer 1	Fees are \$85/surfer including dinner			
Surfer 2	Increases to \$100 after April 1st			
Surfer 3	Extra dinner guests can purchase			
Surfer 4	tickets at the door for \$20			
Surfer 5				
Surfer 6				
Surfer 7				
Surfer 8				
Surfer 9				
Surfer 10				
Surfer 11				
Surfer 12				
Alternate				
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Aloha Team				
Aloha Team				
Wood Board				
Wood Board				
Tandem				
Partner				
Judge				
Judge				

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