



The Shorebreak



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RAY BERGSTROM'S FIRST & ONLY 1936 WOOD SURFBOARD DONATED TO HBISM



Ray's 1936 Wood Board

Ray Bergstrom made the 11-foot plus wood board in 1936 during a Los Angeles High School Wood Shop project and learned to surf at the local beaches from Malibu to Palos Verdes. The picture below Ray's board is Laird Hamilton's amazing ride at Teahupoo, Tahiti. Ray then joined a surfing club, headed by a neighbor Jimmy McGrew and took up surfing seriously with about 8 members in the club. In those days there were no "wet suits" to protect them when they surfed in the winter and had to rely solely on their bare skin against the cold air and ocean. One of the members utilized his garage for building the balsa/redwood surfboard blanks with the necessary table, clamps and waterproof glue. Ray then shaped the blank by sawing, cutting, planing, sanding and placing an inlaid club insignia near the front of the board. The board was finished with coats of varnish and declared "ready to go" when a metal cast keel fin was mounted near the back of the board. When the surf was up the clubs favorite surfing areas were Malibu, the "Cove" at Palos Verdes and of course, the winter surf at San Onofre. Waking up in the morning to the glassy-smooth water with the waves breaking outside was a dream come true. Ray's surfing came to a halt during 1941 to 1946 while serving in the Armed Forces. Ray took up surfing again for a short period of time but family duties took over and ended his surfing days. The surfboard has remained in Ray's garage unused for 52 years until it was donated to HBISM in 2001. Ray's first and only surfboard remains on the HBISM display in Huntington Surf & Sport at Bella Terra.

Ann Beasley Sells Robert August Designed Surfboard Winning Raffle Ticket To Stamford, Connecticut Man Kevin Gentry



Kevin Gentry

My wife and I were in the Anaheim area in mid August with our son and a friend of his. They were there for a big gamers convention and we were there as chaperones. We had to fill our time during the days and figured we would tour the beaches of southern Cal. Since I grew up surfing in Florida (east coast), we had... to go to the surfing capital of the world. I had never been and was stoked to walk up to the Huntington Beach Pier for the first time to watch the surfers. We had lunch at "Dukes", hit the HSS shop and then headed over to your museum. When I was walking around it sure stirred up some old memories with the evolution and the shapes and sizes of the surfboard. Also, seeing the old album covers of The Beach Boys and Jan and Dean was really cool. The Endless Summer exhibit was great and I was telling my wife about the most incredible wave in the world (Cape St. Francis) and some guy overheard us and echoed the same. I think he worked there. We then started talking to this woman behind the desk (her name escapes me) and I noticed the surfboard that was being raffled. I asked if you had to be present to win it and she said no, so I bought a ticket. When we walked out my wife said I bet you win it. Sometime in September, my wife was outside and heard the phone ring, which we let go to voicemail. When we came inside, she was checking the message and started making surprised/excited faces and I am going what is it... When she got off, she looks at me and goes remember that raffle ticket for the surfboard... I started jumping up and down saying oh my god, oh my god a number of times. Then when I listened to your message it was a wow and to top it off hearing Dean Torrance's congrats and him saying, "the only rub dude is you have to come get it" was cool. I have never been more excited and was sorry I could not personally come out and pick it up. I am looking forward to waxing it up and getting out in the water.
Best Regards and Thanks again!!!!
Kevin

HBISM Staff of Volunteers reminding you to open up your heart and share the spirit

Secretary's Eye View



Chapters of The Special Events Director

Serving as Secretary a second time and Special Events Director for my fourth year, it is an honor and a privilege to serve this fine organization. We have a top-notch team of volunteers for 2008 once again under the direction of Founder Natalie Kotsch & Chairwoman Jodi Mc Kay. Venturing into places we've never gone before such as the Orange County Fair, Surf City Nights, Main St Weekend closure, Taste of New Zealand and the Kids' Christmas parade marked a very successful 2007. Looking forward to another exciting year we start off with our 12th Annual Surf City USA Marathon Feb 3rd with 5 bands playing from Beach Blvd to Bolsa Chica State Beach along PCH. Our Exhibits Director Bonnie Flamm will be bringing you an amazing exhibit Surf Sounds Part 2: Jan & Dean. Bonnie will be once again working closely with Surf City's own Dean Torrence to maintain the integrity of the works displayed. We have plans for a fundraiser sometime before the Grand Opening April 20th. Our 12th annual Surfin Sundays concert program with the Surftones and a reception at the museum itself will occur that same day from noon to 4 Pm so be sure not to miss out.

Special thanks to Farmers & Merchants Bank, the City of HB, Sea Cliff Self Storage and AT&T Yellow Pages for generously sponsoring Surfin Sundays. We welcome our brand new sponsor Jugular Energy Products and we look forward to working with them. Special thanks goes out to Surfin Sundays Soundman Will Blount. Assistant Soundman JonPaul Balak, team helpers John Miller, Jeff Hanson, Marty Klentz, John Benton, Tyler Kegler, Tim Ferrill and to our very own Board of Directors for their tireless volunteer efforts. Surfin Sundays 2008 promises an array of exciting new sounds from groups who have never played at the museum before, legends, oldies but goodies and a surprise reunion. We are blessed to have many talented volunteers who are willing to serve this community in whatever capacity is necessary to get the job done. If you are energetic and wish to join our team, we'd love to talk to you!

Share the Spirit,

Linda Miller

Membership

A fond welcome to our new members and a big thank you for the ongoing support to all who have renewed their membership. The support from our members is vital in keeping the museum open and in our ongoing efforts to build the Ultimate Museum.

If you'd like to become a member or your membership has elapsed, come by, drop us a note, email, call or fax us and we will get the information to you. It's that easy to become part of our efforts to bring the history and culture of surfing to future generations.

Four types of memberships are available:

Individual \$20.00 Family \$35.00

Lifetime \$250.00 Patron \$500.00

Venturing into the prospects for the 2007/2008 Board of Directors we anticipate an incredibly successful year of amazing concerts, terrific events and unique exhibits.

The New Year starts with our 12th year at the "Surf City USA" Marathon February 3rd Super Bowl Sunday along Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach. The International Surfing Museum plays host to a great lineup of surf bands during this year's marathon, which runs from Beach Blvd to Bolsa Chica State Beach.

The Fabulous Nomads filled with anticipation as the runners set off to accomplish their goals, will be playing great surf tunes for the 12th year at the Surf City USA Stage from 8 am till 10:30 Am.

The Relix who stoked the surfers with their upbeat surf tunes blowing in on the wind as they rode the waves last year return to Goldenwest & Pacific Coast Highway from 8 Am till Noon.

The Goofyfoots who's amazing music filled the air much to the delight of runners, neighbors and spectators last year return to Sea Point and Pacific Coast Highway from 8 Am till Noon.

Billy Blastoff & The Surf Rockets joined the team this year with their incredibly diverse talents. Members Billy Scanlan, Rob Woolsey, Marty Tippens & Doug Forbes will play at Bolsa Chica State Beach from 8 Am till Noon.

Outer Wave with their uncanny ability to make even the most exhausted runner dance to their traditional surf music will be back on the "Surf City USA Stage" during the latter part of the morning from 10:45 Am till 1:15 Pm.

On behalf of HBISM we thank all our surf bands in advance for their dedication to support this great event.

Surfin Sundays 2008 Concert Series promises to be of epic proportion with incredible lineups, special fundraisers, new additions from various parts of the USA, old favorites and reunions. Part 2 of Beach Boys Exhibit will feature Jan & Dean Grand opening, reception and Surftones playing live at the museum on April 20th. The Pier Plaza program continues to accommodate great bands, vendors and special events for your entertainment pleasure. Our Secretary/Special Events Director Linda Miller is currently working on maximizing benefits during our short concert program series.

The "Art of Surf Drumming" delay is due to additional footage of The Chantays and the legalities of creating a high quality DVD without liability. Stay tuned for details on the events page of our website www.surfingmuseum.org.

HBISM SUPPORTS PAYING PROPER TRIBUTE TO THE MAN WHO STARTED THE SURF MUSIC CRAZE THAT PUT SURF CITY ON THE MAP!!

VOTE FOR "DICK DALE" WHO IS LONG OVERDUE FOR A STAR ON THE HUNTINGTON BEACH WALK OF FAME!

Board Directors Randy Lyford & Chris Mac Donald
Attend Senior Surfing Olympics



On Saturday, November 3rd, 2007 at 7AM, 15 gentlemen between the ages of 50 and 71 competed in four - 20 minute heats of surfing at Huntington Beach's 1st Annual Southland Senior Olympics Surfing Championship, part of a 17-year Senior Olympics competition program.

The waves were two to three-feet high with fair conditions on an overcast morning. Surfers were in good spirits and worked the waves as well as they could on the south side of the Huntington Beach Pier. Open to men and women there were women watching from the sand, but none competing in the age category. Other sporting events in this new competition the planners hope will become an annual offering include team bingo, shuffleboard, tennis, horseshoes and many more sports. Surfing was one of the most physically challenging activities but watching the surfers compete, it was clear to see that these guys are incredibly talented and seem to be in excellent condition. We bet they could run circles around some of the younger surfers on the West Coast today.

(see video). <http://www.beachcalifornia.com/video/beachvideos/surfing-southland-senior-olympics.html>



Duotones Plus 2 & Special Guests photo by Rich Kirkpatrick

Paul Johnson, Dave Wronski, Ron Eglit, Steve Aschoff guesting on drums during Dusty Watson's break time, Matt Quilter, Gil Orr & Kerry Chester pay tribute to Daddy Dave during Surfin Sundays Sept 30th

MEMORIAM

Surfer "Daddy" Dave Cavan Bruer Founder of The Father's Resource in Encinitas, past Director of Special Events and HBISM Lifetime member, passed away tragically in a motorcycle crash Sunday Sept 23rd 2007. Dave was a tremendous asset to the Surf Community, the City of Encinitas and Surfin Sundays Concert program as well as fundraising efforts serving on the Board of Directors for HBISM. Dave was well known and loved by all who knew him and he will be sorely missed.



Board Directors Chris MacDonald & Randy Lyford, Founder Natalie Kotsch with Director & Artist Bob Elias

Saturday Evening December 8, 2007 The Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum played host to Bob Elias's Surf Artwork. During this event, which was Bob's first show, his paintings were displayed in various parts of the museum. A portion of his painting sales will be donated to the museum. We thank Bob for allowing us to show his fine artwork and wish him well in the future. Visit www.bobeliasstudios.com



Founder Natalie Kotsch & Councilman Joe Carchio at HBISM's new Penny Machine on December 11th, 2007. Councilman Joe holds an official Surfing Museum Penny, proudly endorsing our Penny Machine.

You've seen them at the county fair and now we have one at the museum. Come check it out and have one made so you'll have a souvenir to show your friends & family.

Heartfelt thanks goes to See Scopes owner Russ Hill of HB for providing the Penny Machine.



Director Chris MacDonald, Secretary/Special Events Director Linda Miller, Huntington Beach "Wave" News Columnist Eva Kilgore, Founder Natalie Kotsch & World Ambassador Ann Beasley gather for a meeting of the minds, interviewing Board members and discuss educating the public.

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The Board extends our deep appreciation to our faithful team of volunteers.

To receive periodic HBISM email updates, send your email to: intsurfing@earthlink.net

HBISM is a Non-Profit organization dedicated to protect the past, participate in the present and influence the future aspects of all surfing culture. The Shorebreak is the official publication of The International Surfing Museum.



For Unique Gifts Come Visit Our Amazing Gift Shop!

If you want a unique gift for that awesome surfer or special person in your life, we have an abundant selection from which to choose in our gift shop. We have the greatest selection of surf related gifts such as clothing, largest selection of music CD's, DVD's, books, jewelry, pens, pins, memorabilia and posters. Our gift shop has an exclusive on Endless Summer merchandise, as well as new T-shirt designs, Beach Town Girls apparel and Wilbur Kookmeyer shirts & cards. We go to great lengths to bring interesting and unique specialty items related to surfing, its history and culture. We have some artwork for sale as well.

Remember we offer gift certificates for all of your gift giving needs and Museum members receive a 10% discount on our already low prices

Do you have a skillful hand or a talent we could use?

The museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving surfing history and the culture of surfing. We can always use monetary donations but sometimes we need a special talent or skillful hand. The need arises from time to time for specific items such as lumber, nails, screws, carpet, display cases or storage shelves.

Docents are currently needed for our gift shop and there's always a need for volunteers in many capacities such as exhibit construction and remodeling projects. If you have goods to donate or a special skill and are willing to donate your time please contact us.

Events or Company Meetings

HBISM is available for your special event, social gathering, dinner or meeting. Why settle for a busy hotel meeting room when you can have a quaint historical setting making this the ideal meeting place. Contact the Museum at (714) 960-3483 or email us at intsurfing@earthlink.net for more information.

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Patron members of HBISM are businesses supporting our mission to preserve surfing culture with which we have developed collaborative relationships. Help us show our appreciation for these patron members by supporting their businesses:

Farmers & Merchants Bank, Lewis Harrison Design, Sea Cliff Self Storage, Huntington Surf & Sport, Sugar Shack, Dukes Restaurant

**Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Friday 12 Pm to 5 Pm
Tues 12 Pm to 7 Pm, Saturday and Sunday 11 Am to 6 Pm
Suggested Donation \$2 Adults, \$1 Students & Seniors**