

Sam's Sea Food

Despite weather concerns, the Sunset Beach event took place on a sunny day. We received several calls during the week for the weather report and it was iffy. By evidence of the crowd, few people let the weather stand in the way of a fun time.

The International Surfboard Builders Hall of Fame presentations are always a high point of our yearly "big event." Bob "The Greek" Bolen and Mike "Rat" Ester are responsible for putting that part of the program together. They deserve a huge round of appreciation for what they are doing. As you may know, prior award winners pick the Surfboard Builders to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and they truly know who the "greatest" are. It has been a skill passed on by masters and it is important to recognize them for excellence. This year, Larry Gordon (Gordon and Smith), Dave Sweet, Rabbit Kekai, Mickey Munoz, and Lorrin "Whitey" Harrison were added to the list. Also present were Skip Frye, Bill Holden, Terry Martin, and of course, "The Greek."

There were questions about the new location at Sam's and I hope they were dashed by the event. All of the feedback, including the manager of Sam's, was great. They want us back, want to provide food, and wish we could come several times a year. That is a far cry from the attitude of the State Parks who have been charging us an arm and leg, plus wanting far more money this year.

For those who could not attend, much was on sale and displayed. We had 60 members register and pay their dues and hundreds of people wandered through the parking lot. The meeting was well-supported and successful in every respect.



Skip Fry presented this surfboard to Larry Gordon during the awards ceremony. The board is surrounded by Hall of Fame recipients and their stand-ins and predecessors.



Mickey Munoz with
Bob "The Greek"
Bolen



Bill Holden with one of his
great surfboards!

Membership Renewal

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