

QBC Newsletter – August 2010

They say that youth is wasted on the young, but from what I saw at the Queenie August conness, I'm not so sure.

In between surfing in their heats, the younger grubs spent their time either free surfing, tarp surfing, skateboarding and eating. The older grubs just punched the living bejesus out of each other in fight club style. Great stuff. I find it hard to stay awake for longer than 8 hours these days, so to watch the grubs go all day is good to see.

The waves were marginal, but there was enough value to run, and with a pretty good turn up for the middle of winter, we got underway about 8:30.

The early heats were good to watch, with the standouts being Jordan Tremlett, Jack Hapeta and Liam Hayles in the 14's and Tommy Lane and Brown Ryce in the 18's.

B-Grade is an open book, with Timmy Manion, Meggy, Vo, Tommy Mitch and Jake Elliot all in the mix, with no one really taking the bull by the balls. Jake Sumo wants it bad, and flew in on the red eye from the Sari Club to try and get another 100 points, only to be stopped at customs because he didn't look anything like the picture in his passport. The subsequent digital rectal exam left him dazed and confused, and perhaps a little bi-curious. After the first round Timmy Manion looked the goods, doing turns reminiscent of the days when he used to surf out the back. Early casualties were Meggy, scoring 1 point in his heat, and Rat, unluckily born without a shred of ability, who was comfortably beaten by Courtney. As the smoky in the pack, Courtney, who, as a fireperson, gets to surf all day every day, certainly broke B-Grade etiquette by catching more than 2 waves in the heat and paddling quickly. I must note, that next to surfing 2 consecutive contests without catching a wave, this was probably the best gauge of my surfing prowess and competitive nous. Aaron Amavisca surfed well, and Vo was Currenesque, hiding behind a jacket and cap, and warming up early and often.

A-Grade had the big names back, Green Board back from the WCT, J Lo back from Bondi, and Danga back where he belongs, at Queenie, not at Perisher or watching romantic comedies with chicks. He did show some serious frustration though diving to take out a mal rider who dropped in on him. Nice.

Green Board looks sharp, and very professional, taking waves that weren't the best but making the most of them. Ryan sat out the back and waited for waves that don't come to anyone else, and got them, but didn't do enough to take the cheese. J Lo did well to get to the contest on time, it was just a shame he hadn't slept for 3 days and didn't actually surf.

Except for the 18's, where Tommy Lane has ruled, all the divisions are an open book. Vo is solid, and ripping, on his way to the nationals, but with 3 contests to go, anyone can win any grade. The next contest is a tag team, which means if you're a B-Grader, and you get Sam Page in your team, you can end up with 100 points. Anyone can win.

I'm tired now and have to go to sleep.

Tag Team September 4th. Wharfy Preso.