



# AMP SURF REPORT

Newsletter of the Association of Amputee Surfers (AmpSurf) a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, [www.ampsurf.org](http://www.ampsurf.org) PO BOX 5045 SLO, CA 93403

**Who We Are & Our Mission:** We are a Non-Profit Organization made up of amputees, veterans and friends & family of the disabled. We want to Promote, Inspire, Educate, and Rehabilitate people with disabilities, especially our veteran heroes through adaptive surfing & fun safe outdoor activities all can participate in.

## July 10<sup>th</sup> Fun, Sun & Surf in Pismo Beach

July's clinic will mark our 7<sup>th</sup> clinic of the year & we will be doing the clinic this month off of the Addie street beach access in Pismo Beach. This is south of the pier at the free parking lot by the Sea Venture hotel. We have participants coming in from all over again the furthest is Matt Bianca will be flying in from Virginia, and Jake will be here from New Zealand.

## August 14th Clinic Moved to Pismo

Our August clinic will now be held in Pismo **NOT** Ventura so that we can prepare for Operation Restoration V. We will be down off Addie St. and we hope that everyone will still be able to make it because we would love to see you all out in the water.

## Operation Restoration V Sept 10-16<sup>th</sup>

Opening Ceremonies and Surfing start on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

**Grant applications now available!!!** –DOWNLOAD AT  
<http://www.ampsurf.org/LTSC/2010/AmpSurfOPRestGrantApp.pdf>  
(due back by August 1<sup>st</sup>)



This will be the fifth year AmpSurf has held this great event geared towards honoring America's heroes. This year AmpSurf will be sponsoring disabled active duty military, firefighters, police & veterans. This is our first year of sponsoring our heroes who have sacrificed here on the home front. This clinic is open to all others with disabilities as well. Volunteers are also needed; we are expecting 40+ participants this year, which means we'll need about 70+ volunteers for each of the first 2 days of the event at the beach! Everyone can sign up and get more info at [www.ampsurf.org](http://www.ampsurf.org).

## VA Summer Sports Clinic 2010

AmpSurf will be providing the surf instruction & equipment again this year at the VA's **Veteran's Summer Sports Clinic**, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in San Diego. This will mark the third year AmpSurf will be teaching up to 100 disabled veterans over the course of one week (20 a day) the healing power of the ocean and adaptive surfing. AmpSurf will be recognized this year as a Gold Level Sponsor for our efforts. If you would like to learn more about this great event that gives our veterans the opportunity to try sports such as Surfing, Kayaking, Cycling, Track and Field, and Sailing please visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and search Summer Sports Clinic.

## Summer fun -Pismo in June!

We kicked off the first clinic of the summer on June 12<sup>th</sup> and were blessed with beautiful weather and great waves. We had several new participants at this month's event including, Monica a bi-lateral amputee from Morro Bay made it along with her husband and family, Alexandria an above knee amputee and competitive skier from Oregon made the drive down with her Mom, and Matt a paraplegic from SLO town was here with his fiancé and friends. We also had several other participants including Greg, Kim, Robert, John, and Vivian. Greg came out of the water elated "...First and last waves today were the best I have ever caught, Thank you all so much for this opportunity.." said Greg. In all we had over 60 people come out for the event. A few film crews were in attendance as well including a German T.V. crew Thank you to everyone who came out to the event and we hope we will see you all again at our upcoming clinics.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

VOLUNTEERS MEETING AT NEW BEACH HOUSE (340 POMEROY PB)7-8PM	JULY 5 <sup>TH</sup>
JULY LEARN TO SURF CLINIC –PISMO BEACH	JULY 10 <sup>TH</sup>
AUGUST LEARN TO SURF CLINIC –PISMO BEACH	AUGUST 14 <sup>TH</sup>
OPERATION RESTORATION V	SEPT.10-16 <sup>TH</sup>
VA SUMMER SPORTS CLINIC	SEPT.18-25 <sup>TH</sup>

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wine, Waves, & Beyond =Success!

This Central Coast lifestyle event was designed to leverage some of the unique attributes of San Luis Obispo County, with a mix of wine makers, surfers, shapers, artists, and beer makers for an original central coast affair! The venues included the historic Fremont Theater in SLO where everyone enjoyed the movie 180 Degree South. The packed Barrell to Barrell which featured tastings from around the county and a silent auction, the Brew masters dinner and chef's auction, both of which were held at Cliffs Resort in Shell beach. The four day event was wrapped up with a long boarders surf classic contest just off the south side of the pier in Pismo Beach with an after party at the Sea Venture resort. Thank you to everyone who helped put this event together, all the sponsors, the Board of Directors, Mr. King, Mike, Brooke all the staff and of course all of you who came out and took part. All the proceeds from this event will be used to fund the AmpSurf's program to bring adaptive surfing to our disabled American heroes and other adults and children living with disabilities. Please visit <http://www.winewavesandbeyond.com> to see pictures from the event and to keep up on what we will be putting together for next year.



## U.S. Championships –Challenged Athletes Division



AmpSurf has put together a great group of athletes for Surfing America's U.S. Championships this year being held at Lower Tressles. The Challenged Athletes Division competed on June 28<sup>th</sup> as the last heat of the event finals. John Davis, and Mark Thornton who both made the finals at this year's WSA West Coast Championships, along with Patrick Ivison, Barney Miller from Australia, Dana Cummings from AmpSurf & Operation Rebound, and Ryan Levinson from the Challenged Athletes Foundation all displayed to the crowd that if you focus on your abilities anything is possible!!! See more at <http://www.surfingamerica.org>

## Project Surf Camp and Ampsurf Combine!!!

We are growing and working to reach out to all with disabilities. As part of this growth AmpSurf is proud to announce that we are forming a cooperative with Project Surf Camp (PSC).PSC is an NPO that uses surfing as a form of therapy for special needs children. It is headed up by long time friend and AmpSurf instructor John Taylor and currently runs camps through the summer in Morro Bay. With such similar programs and missions this is a very natural and beneficial cooperative for both organizations. As we come together we will be able to reach out to more people to spread the healing power of adaptive surfing and the ocean. We are hopeful to have everything completed by early 2011. To learn more about PSC visit [www.projectsurfcamp.com](http://www.projectsurfcamp.com), & to see **PCS in action watch the Today show on NBC Thursday morning July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Thank you to our Friends & Sponsors

Our clinics wouldn't be a success without three key factors; 1) Our Participants, 2) Our Volunteers, & 3)Our Sponsors generosity. We want to thank the Women of the Legion, and the American Legion in Cambria for their generous donations to our program. We also want to thank Higher Groundz of Grover Beach for the breakfast and Hoagies Sandwich Shop for lunch at the June clinic. If you would like to see how you can join our team as a sponsor please email [sponsor@AmpSurf.org](mailto:sponsor@AmpSurf.org).

