



# AMP SURF REPORT

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

## Long Rides in Santa Cruz

By Dana Cummings Exec. Director

Huge thanks to all of you that made it out to the beach with us this month at Cowell's in Santa Cruz. It was an amazing day in the water with all the participants being able to catch some great rides at one of the best beginner breaks in California. We again had participants and volunteers make great efforts to get to the event. Actor John 'Hooks' Lawson made the trip again from Ohio, "A big thank you to AmpSurf and all the volunteers at the Santa Cruz surf clinic. It was



my third clinic and the best ever. ... it was the first time I caught a wave, stood up and rode until the wave gave out. It was truly exhilarating! What an opportunity for me, not only to surf, but have a chance to meet National Surfing



Champion Brent Bispo and have him as my instructor. I look forward to the next event. Thanks again to you and all the volunteers that make this such a great organization" said Lawson. Navy Veteran Tony Davis, his girlfriend, & brother Trevor did a road trip from Washington to Participate, Varlyntae and Jo came from LA, and a large group of us made it up from the Central Coast including Nate, Greg B., Bruce, Mark, Lou, Matt, Marty, Ann, Tanya, Rebecca, Greg V, Kelli.....Thanks to all you SC locals who made it out Brent, Barry... Tawna, Sarah from UCSC as well and the guys from the VA who came out to participate and volunteer, Mike, Didier, Keith and all the rest of you Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

More thanks to Jo for setting up Lodging for us out-of-towners, with **Santa Cruz Beach Vacations** and the great fundraiser event at the **El Palomar** restaurant. Thanks to all of you who came out for it in support of the AmpSurf program. Thank you all for also wishing me a very happy birthday, I don't think I could have asked to be around a better group of people to celebrate my big 40.



## Pismo in April with CPK FUNdraiser

by Julie Carruthers- Fundraising committee Chair

We will be back in beautiful Pismo Beach April 10<sup>th</sup> for our fourth clinic of the year. Please visit our website for more on how to participate or volunteer for this event. We will also be having a FUNdraiser at California Pizza Kitchen in San Luis Obispo following the clinic with a silent auction in the front room from 2:30-5:30. CPK will be donating 20% from all dine-in and take-out orders all day Saturday if the

customer presents a fliers from AmpSurf. Follow this link <http://www.ampsurf.org/LTSC/2010/CPKFundraiser4102010.pdf> to get yours. We would love to see you there.



## Newest Member of AmpSurf

by Rebecca Patterson & Dana Cummings

Our newest edition to AmpSurf is Archer Kohle Cummings! He was born March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5:50am, weighs 7lbs 8oz. and is 19 1/2 inches long. Mom, baby boy & family are doing great and we hope you'll all get a chance to meet him at one of the upcoming AmpSurf events.

**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.

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

VOLUNTEERS MEETING AT SLO AMERICAN LEGION 7-9PM	4/5
PISMO BEACH- LEARN TO SURF CLINIC & CPK FUNDRAISER	4/10
SAN CLEMENT -LEARN TO SURF	5/8
WSA WEST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS	5/15
WINE WAVES & BEYOND	6/3-6
OPERATION RESTORATION V	9/10-16
VA SUMMER SPORTS CLINIC	9/18-25

## Surf Nite in SLO

By Matt Ploscik Events Committee Chair  
The SLO Int. Film Festival celebrated its 16th annual event March 12-21. As part of the SLOIFF's Surf Nite event AmpSurf was able to show a short video (go to <http://www.ampsurf.org> to view) prior to the screening of the evenings feature film **WAVERIDERS - 'An Irish surf odyssey'**. Thank you to everyone who made it out for the event a portion of the box office receipts will be donated to AmpSurf.



## Wine, Waves, and Beyond June 3-6<sup>th</sup>

From WW&B PR- This is an annual lifestyle event designed to leverage some of the unique attributes of San Luis Obispo County. Featuring wine and beer makers, and surf artisans from the county in a four day festival. Venues will take guests along the coast from Morro Bay to Pismo pier. A mix of wine makers, surfers, surfboard shapers, artists, and beer makers actively participating within each event will make for an exciting and original central coast event! A long board surf contest will happen on the 6<sup>th</sup> with a special heat for challenged athletes. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the AmpSurf program.



<http://www.winewavesandbeyond.com>

## Thank you to our Friends & Sponsors

By Rebecca Patterson - Secretary

Thank you to everyone who has been helping out to get new sponsors, like Ann Marchese who contacted Mission Linens and got them to join the AmpSurf team. Thank you to all our sponsors. These clinics wouldn't be a success with out your generosity. Our featured sponsors this month are More Office Solutions of SLO Cliffs Resort & Central Coast Kayaks of Shell Beach, The Veterans Car Show & Mission Linens. Thank you so much for your support. If you would like to see how you can join our team as a sponsor please email our fundraising coordinator Julie Carruthers at [oneleggedjo@yahoo.com](mailto:oneleggedjo@yahoo.com) to receive a Sponsor's Package.

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