

Cademo Surfing

## **Report**

### **South African Championships – Raven Lee**

Raven was selected into the Western Province surfing team (u12 girls division)

She took part in the team training and traveled daily to Muizenburg to have private lessons with myself and other instructors, a month and a half prior to the event.

Raven started training on our long boards and progressed to an 8ft minimal. Eventually surfing on a 7ft short board which the surf school lent to her for the SA champs event.

She received her Western Province colors at the color awards ceremony held the week before they traveled up to Port Elizabeth, Raven also received her Western Province team Kit sponsored by Quicksilver.

The Roxy Club covered the costs of all Raven and her moms transport to and from the beach on training days for her private lessons and team training (R70 per day) as well as all the lesson fees, equipment hire and paying trainers for lessons.

Raven's placed fourth in the finals of the South African Surfing Championships.

Her perseverance has shown us that she will be a success in every challenge she embarks on.

We are so proud of her.

### **South African Inter Schools Championships 2007**

The South African championships took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of October in two to three foot light offshore conditions.

Twenty four schools from all over the country traveled to the pavilion in Muizenberg to take part in this national event.

The event was run by myself and my Western province committee. It was the biggest number of entries the contest has ever had. The contest has been running for 31 consecutive years.

Our group entered two teams John Ramsay High and Disa Primary.

Both teams surfed very well, proving they can work together as a group. Each team member received a contest t-shirt (including Tauriq's mom and dad – the team managers).

John Ramsay High captained by Neal placed third in Round two and Disa Primary placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall getting knocked out in the semi finals of the primary school league.

Neal looked after his team of new surfers as well as encouraging, motivating and supporting the junior team. Neal has strong leadership qualities and was greatly appreciated at the event.

Tauriq competed on a board he loves, it is one of my own contest surfboards, an Al Merick surfboard that world champion Lisa Anderson rode as a stunt double on the Charlie's Angeles movie.

Our two teams spent Saturday and Sunday competing in the tag team event, and when they weren't competing you would find them practicing their skills in the line up getting ready for the following heats. If they weren't found in the water surfing they were on the beach taking part in the beach volleyball, soccer or rugby.

## **Western Province Long board Championships**

**27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

Last weekend the Western Province long board association hosted the annual 2007 Western Province long board championships.

Neal is very multi talented, he competed in both the long boarding and short boarding disciplines. Neal surfed through the first rounds starting at 8am on Saturday, reaching the semi finals of the boys under 19 division and placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall in his division. This is no small feat, as the boys division is very competitive, the reason for this being that all the young up and coming surf stars are under 19. Neal surfed well, and is learning to complete his rides getting the boards vertical on the wave surfing with style and consistency.

## **Saturday Surfing Lessons**

We have a greater number of new girls and boys starting to surf on Saturday afternoons.

As it is warming up, more and more nearing summer time, the kids are enjoying the water, spending more time in the surf, venturing out to the back line and spending the rest of the afternoon swimming after their lessons.