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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Jay Butki
SUBJECT: Fall 2006 Competition Committee Chair Report
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Sanyo Bussan International Surf Lifesaving Cup 2006

As a result of finishing in 4th place overall in the Surf events at Rescue 2006 at Lorne, Victoria, the United States Lifesaving Association was invited to compete on a tour of Japan and compete against Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Hong Kong, Japan on July 17, 2006 Onjuku Beach, Chiba Prefecture, Japan

USLA Team Manager Jay Butki

Women:

Tillea Hoskins, Daytona Beach, Florida - Ironwoman
Tandis Morgan, Los Angeles County, California - Paddleboard
Renee Locarnini, Los Angeles County, California - Swim
Dana McCreary, Sussex County, Delaware - Beach Flags
Denise Oehl, Smithpoint, New York - Beach Flags

Men:

Brian Murphy, Los Angeles County, California - Ironman
Sean Kennedy, Los Angeles County, California - Paddleboard
Andy Bailey, San Clemente, California State - Swim
Matt Simonton, Smithpoint, New York - Beach Flags
Dan Matta, Sussex County, Delaware - Beach Flags

USLA Lifeguards selected were either members of the Rescue 2006 USLA National Team at the last ILS World Championships, or were second place National Championship finishers in their surf racing disciplines. This team event allows us to demonstrate to all athletes within our sport that a pathway exists to assist them in reaching their career goal of one day representing their country at the highest level.

"Best Trip Ever!" Unreal hospitality from the Japan Lifesaving Association and unbelievably great food, and the use of the best saltwater spa / hot tub in the world... A great event highlighted by the excellent detailed logistics and the extremely close attention to our comforts and needs taken by our JLA hosts.

The competition was run very well to ILS rules unfortunately there were some subjective interference / impedance calls in Beach Flags. One of which was US vs. US, the resulting DQ costing us the 5th place points putting us down 12 points in the overall, and pushing Australia, South Africa and Japan and ahead.

All of the USLA National Team members showed great spirit and skills.

Outstanding performances from Sussex County Beach Flag stars Dan Matta and Dana McCreary taking 2nd place each in Men's and Women's Beach Flags.

LA County's Brian Murphy took 3rd in both the Ironman and in the Board race, and another 3rd as a victim with San Clemente State's Andy Bailey swimming him to shore, where Dan Matta and Smith Point's Matt Simonton grabbed Brian dragging him out of the water and up to the finish line.

Thanks to the trip sponsors:

Patagonia, Speedo, Sanyo Bussan, Blueberry Hill Katsuura, and the members of the Japan Lifesaving Association, especially to the Secretary Chiharu Aizawa and a special thanks to our interpreters Toshi, Nishii, Shota Guterres, and Wakana Shimazaki.

2006 CSLSA Southwest Regional Championships

The Southwest Regional Championships were hosted by the LA County Lifeguard Association in conjunction with Beachsport.org on August 5 at Redondo Beach Avenue C. LACOLA was closely pushed by Cal State Parks and Huntington Beach City for the overall point score.

For more results see: <http://cslsa.org/events/Attachments/CA2006Results.pdf>

The Junior Lifeguard Regional Championships was hosted by the Santa Barbara Lifeguard Association and Beachsport.org on July 21 as part of the Semana Nautica on East Beach.

2006 USLA National Championships

The 2006 USLA National and Junior Lifeguard Championships were held in Huntington Beach on August 10, 11 and 12 between Beach Blvd. and Newland Street. A great Nationals was had by all thanks to the hard work of the members of the Huntington Beach State Lifeguard Association led by Gus Avila.

Top Teams point scores were had by LACOLA, Cal State Parks, San Diego, Huntington City, Laguna Beach and Del Mar.

INDIVIDUAL MEN'S OPEN

1. Morgan, Blaine (LA Co.) 57.0
2. Murphy, Brian (LA Co.) 41.0
4. Carvin, Chad (Laguna) 29.5
8. Kahn, Mitch (LA Co.) 22.0

INDIVIDUAL WOMEN'S OPEN

1. Burden, Micha (Huntington) 51.5
2. Morgan, Tandis (LA Co.) 38.0
4. Gallas, Diane (LA Co.) 30.0
6. Hagen, Emily (Cal State) 27.75
8. Locarnini, Renee (LA Co.) 22.00

40th Anniversary of the Wieland Shield and 50 years of International Competition

This year marks 50 years since the first International Surf Lifesaving competition was held as part of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and attended by Bob Burnside, Greg Noll, and Tom Zahn among other luminaries in our sport. The first use of the Rescue Buoy and the first true Surfboard were demonstrated by the LA County Lifeguards who represented the USA at the International Olympic Surf Carnival on Dec. 2, 1956. It also marks the 50th anniversary of the first truly International Lifesaving Association meeting. The Wieland Shield is the longest running competitive Lifesaving event and surf Lifesaving information and cultural exchange

The 4 women and 7 men selected to represent California were selected based upon performances at the 2006 CSLSA Regionals and USLA Nationals.

The California team selected for the 19th Wieland Shield competition On January 14, 2007 includes:

Manager - Jay Butki - LACoFD Paramedic Rescue Boat Captain

Coach - Rob Pelkey - LACoFD Paramedic Ocean Lifeguard Specialist

Athletes -Male

Chad Carvin - Laguna Beach Lifeguard

Micah Carlson - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard - South Bay

Kyle Daniels - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard Specialist - South Bay

Blaine Morgan - California State Parks Lifeguard-San Clemente

Tyler Morgan - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard Specialist -South Bay

Brian Murphy - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard - South Bay

Mike Murphy - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard - South Bay

Athletes -Female

Michah Burden - Huntington Beach Lifeguard

Maggie Hogan - San Diego City Lifeguard

Renee Locarnini- LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard - Central

Tandis Morgan - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard - South Bay

Educational Officers -

Jaime Orr - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard Specialist - Central

Alternate Athletes

Andy Bailey - California State Parks Lifeguard-San Clemente

Tracey Crothers - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard - South Bay

Scott Diederich - Laguna Beach Lifeguard Lieutenant

Chris Egan - California State Parks Lifeguard-Huntington Beach

Sean Kennedy - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard Specialist - South Bay

Bridgit Rome - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard - South Bay

Sponsorship and marketing efforts are ongoing, and include a giant surfboard raffle to be held at the Sangria Grill, Hermosa Beach on Dec 14, 2006. Tickets are \$5.00.

All donations, inquiries and assistance to the Wieland Shield will be appreciated. The LA County Lifeguard Association Trust Fund is a registered non profit tax-exempt organization. State Reg. Tax ID # CT19146, IRS ID # 95-3095931.

Donations can be sent to Southern Section Lifeguard Headquarters, C/O Kyle Daniels, 1201 Strand, Hermosa Beach 90254. For more info contact Jay Butki (310) 849-5955, e-mail: aquamoose@aol.com

The Wieland Shield represents a long-standing relationship between the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association (LACOLA) and Surf Life Saving Association Victoria (LSV). The exchange of ocean lifesaving knowledge, skills, and techniques has continued unbroken for the past five decades. The educational exchange has fostered many new and improved ocean rescue techniques, and equipment. Beach management and funding have also benefited. The ongoing relationship developed between Australia and the USA continues to serve the public these Lifeguards so heroically protect. The

two-week tour budget includes airfares, rescue equipment, freight, car rentals, hotel accommodations, uniforms, and awards.

Agenda Items for the 2006 Fall USLA National Board of Directors Meeting

- 1) Changing USLA rules to mirror ILS rules whenever possible.

- 2) Recouping the over \$3000.00 expended to purchase all the items for set up and build the Nationals Courses.

2007 Competition Calendar

- 5/26 ASRA-Hermosa Beach Pier
- 6/2 June Tune-Zuma Beach
- 6/16 Ed Perry Regatta-26th Ave, Venice Beach
- 7/ 21&22 San Clemente Surf Festival-San Clemente Pier
- 7/ 28 CSLSA Regionals- ??
- 8/4 Judge Taplin Relays- Hermosa Beach Pier
- 8/9-11 USLA National Championships - Myrtle Beach. South Carolina

Respectively Submitted,

Jay Butki
CSLSA Competition Committee Chair