

# California Surf Lifesaving Association

Fall Board of Director's Meeting  
Newport Beach, CA



## Exchange Programs

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<b>To:</b>	<b>CSLSA Board of Directors</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>CSLSA Exchange Chair Jon Mitchell</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>California/ New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange Report</b>

Dear Members:

I would like to start by thanking the departments and individuals that hosted the 2007 New Zealand Lifeguards. The participation I received from each agency involved was outstanding. Several individuals took it upon themselves to transport the Exchange Guards long distances, house them, and show them a great time. Special thanks to, Mike Westmoreland (Seal), Nick Giugni (San Clemente), Ryan Steel (CASCC), Doug Leech (HBC), Mark Rothsom (Del Mar), Vinci Lonbardi (CPLS), Richard Hidalgo (IB), Charlotte Graham (LACO), and any others I may have missed, thanks for the help. "You Make the Exchange Happen!!!"

Ten agencies were represented. Seal Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Cal State Parks Crystal Cove, Del Mar, Camp Pendleton, San Clemente, Imperial Beach, HB City, and LA County. Both exchange guards attended "Project Wipeout" at Hoag Hospital, and at each stop along their journey there was something of interest for them to participate in or observe. They were at Ocean Fest, Regional's, OP Pro, and of course, opening day at the track in Del Mar.

Dan and Mason both extended their trips to enjoy a few days with their new found friends and both made it home safely to New Zealand. Their report to me was, "We had a great time, saw some great beaches, and made some lifelong friends! We will take care of the two lifeguards coming over to NZ on the next leg of the exchange. Thanks CSLSA!"

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Now let's bring everyone up to speed on our two CSLSA Delegates who will be going to NZ for this year's exchange. The application process closed on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and we accepted eight applicants into this year's interview process and they were from the following agencies.

Ryan Frontiera -	CA State Parks: HB
Jennifer Mascari-	CA State Parks: Silver Strand
Jesse Heydorff-	CA State Parks: HB
Jenna Murphy-	Newport Beach
Christian Lorentzen-	LACO
Lauren Ochsner-	Camp Pendleton
Jeff Martinez-	LACO
Alex Scurr-	Newport Beach

The California Exchange Interviews were held on Sunday September 30th, at Newport Beach Lifeguard Headquarters. I would like to thank those that applied, they all had great interviews and the scores were very close. I would like to give a special thanks to the four individuals that assisted in the selection process.

- Chris Graham
- Kai Weiser
- Ron Gamble
- Api Weinert

The two lifeguards who have been chosen to represent the CSLSA in Auckland New Zealand for the 2007/2008 Lifeguard Exchange are with us today.

- Jesse Heydorff (California State Parks: Huntington Beach)
- Alex Scurr (Newport Beach)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate - Jennifer Mascari (California State Parks: Silver Strand)

Both Delegates have over seven years experience, excellent recommendations, and have their lives in order to travel abroad. Remarks from the interview panel were, "What a class act, extremely intelligent, and good energy", so we will be represented well!

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The Seal Beach Lifeguard Association is here to present both Exchange Lifeguards with a \$250.00 check from the A.J.Summers Memorial Exchange Scholarship, which I know both guards will appreciate.

I am currently working with the Northern Region in Auckland to put together the itinerary for our guards traveling to New Zealand, updates to follow.

Last item to discuss in my Exchange report is the budget. I have several receipts turned into the Treasurer, and I will be under budget.

Thanks again for all the support,

*Jon Mitchell*

Exchange Chair Jon Mitchell