

# Cal Surf Competition News

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## **2002 CSLSA Championships**

The Junior Lifeguard and adult Regional Championships were hosted by Los Angeles County at Will Rogers State Beach on July 26 and 27. 16 chapters scored points at the Championships with Los Angeles County finishing first overall followed by San Diego City, Cal State, LA Lakes and LA City. Special thanks to Rob McGowan and the lifeguard staff from LACOLA for making this a successful event.

## **2002 USLA Championships**

The 2002 USLA National and Junior Lifeguard Championships were held in San Diego, August 8-10. The event was televised on the Fox television network. San Diego City Councilmen Byron Wear, his staff and the members of the San Diego Organizing Committee deserve credit for making this event a reality.

## **Mike Knight Challenge**

Held in memory of Mike Knight, a San Diego lifeguard who lost his life in the line of duty during flood rescue training in 1991, this year's competition took place in challenging 4-5 foot surf in South Mission Beach on June 20. Nearly 30 lifeguards from throughout the Southern California region participated, including Rescue 2002 National team members Blaine Morgan and Maggie Hogan. At the awards ceremony following the event, competitors were treated to Leslie Mendez's famous taco salad and her hand crafted awards.

## **Rescue 2002**

The Rescue 2002 World Lifesaving Championships were held in Daytona Beach, Florida, May 7-19, 2002. This International championship, held every two years, is comprised of several competitions including events for national teams, club teams and masters competitors in events such as ironman/ironwoman, board rescue, rescue medley, taplin relay and many more ocean, beach and pool events.

During the National Teams competition, CSLSA member and LACOLA lifeguard Blaine Morgan completed the 200 meter swim with obstacles in a world record time of 01:55.31. Congratulations Blaine!

The National team winner was Surf Lifesaving of Australia, followed by Royal Lifesaving of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Germany, France and the United States in 7<sup>th</sup> place. Masters competitors from Southern California did quite well during the competition, with representatives from San Diego and Los Angeles winning numerous individual world titles.

Rescue 2004 is scheduled to take place on the Italian Riviera during September of 2004.

**(Picture follows)**



*Blaine Morgan and Anthony Vein add a few more dozen points for the National Championship Team.*