



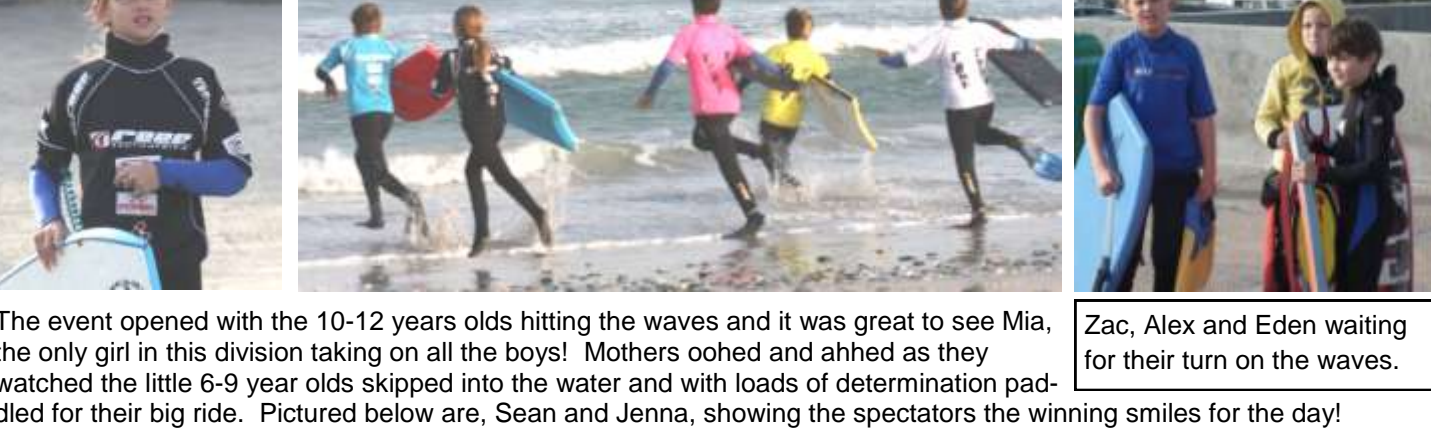
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Backline Business



Lots of interesting things get talked about hanging around at the backline waiting for the next set (or not) on a WOWee Monday. Funny things. Serious things. Good things. Bad things. Things that we can't hear, but we nod happily agreeing with anyway. One such conversation has led to a whopping big cheque of R10 000 being handed over to the Tender Loving Care group in Table View. On a lovely day at the dam (we know this, because there were pods of WOWees out at the back) one clever WOWee blurted out that the WOWees should have a competition. "What!" the pod yelled. "No way. Not doing it!" After adding a sneaky by-line, that we would do it and raise money for a charity, the reaction was quite different. Everyone climbed on board (and fell off) and there was no holding back. (Some WOWees are even willing to strip for charity) (Some WOWees are even willing to strip for..... oh there is no reason!) More on that on another occasion.

After a very short gestation period of 6 weeks, the WOWees had a baby in their hands (nothing to do with stripping) called: The Big Bay Blaster!!! And boy did this baby scream! The support though, from within the WOWees group, was amazing with some donating their time, their money, their goods and some did lots of important smoo-shing and talking. Even though some almost ended up checking into the 'funny farm', the morning of June 11 arrived and it was on and happening!

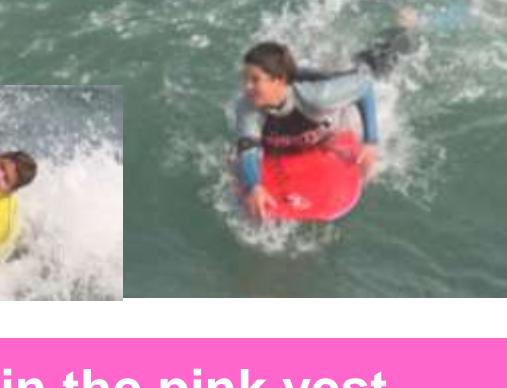


The event opened with the 10-12 years olds hitting the waves and it was great to see Mia, the only girl in this division taking on all the boys! Mothers oohed and ahhed as they watched the little 6-9 year olds skipped into the water and with loads of determination paddled for their big ride. Pictured below are, Sean and Jenna, showing the spectators the winning smiles for the day!

Zac, Alex and Eden waiting for their turn on the waves.



The 13-15 year old boys ran in and performed well in the 2-3ft choppy conditions. Western Province Bodyboarding Association commented that it was great to see new faces and new talent entering competitions! Winners in the Junior section were: Alex (6-9 year olds) Daniel (10-12 year olds) and Ethan (13-15 year olds) Well done to you all!

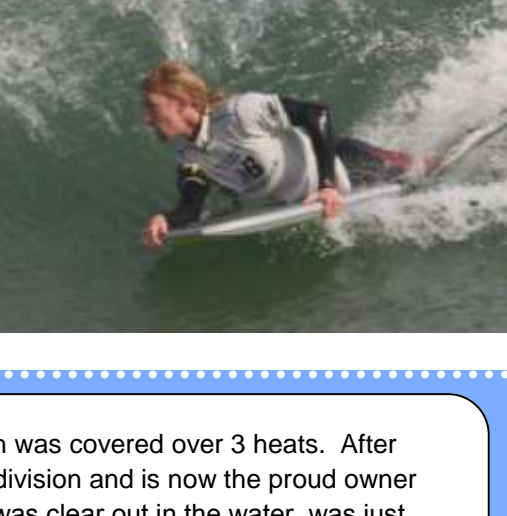


Alex taking a little rest in between waves. (A move patented by the WOWees)

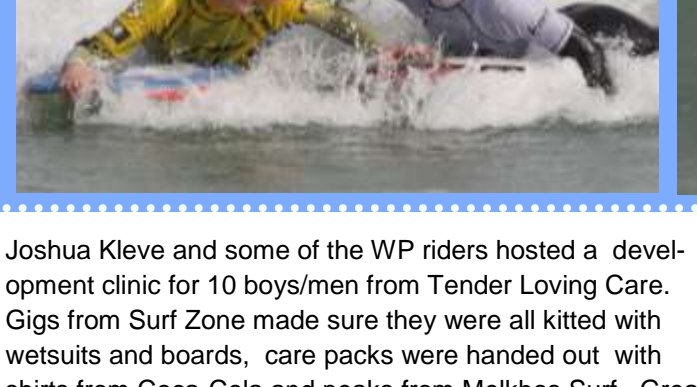
WOWees line up to cheer the man in the pink vest



The waves certainly looked a lot better when the pros were up on them. It was great to see some of the big names in bodyboarding riding some WOWees size waves! A big thank you to all the pros that made the effort to be part of this event! The WOWees even got to judge the pro finals (separately from the real judges) and we think we seriously may have jeopardised any chances of ever scoring anything again. One score sheet read: 10 for good wetsuit, 10 for nice walk and 10 for good hair. I mean really. If you want to see some real action look out for the one day event called TAND which take place between 24th June and 8 July. (Will be posted up on the [WOWees facebook page](#).) And no, WOWees will not be scoring. Well done to Simon, (the one with the good hair) who ended up with the R750 prize money after clenching the best rides in the final.



The 15-17 year olds were a large group, which was covered over 3 heats. After many waves it was Aiden Wilson who won this division and is now the proud owner of one of Jared Houston's bodyboards! What was clear out in the water, was just how much these kids loved to board and their determination to push themselves to higher levels. (Just like us WOWees) Congratulations to all the riders!



Joshua Kleve and some of the WP riders hosted a development clinic for 10 boys/men from Tender Loving Care. Gigs from Surf Zone made sure they were all kitted with wetsuits and boards, care packs were handed out with shirts from Coca-Cola, care packs from Melkbos Surf. Great fun was had and medals were received by all!



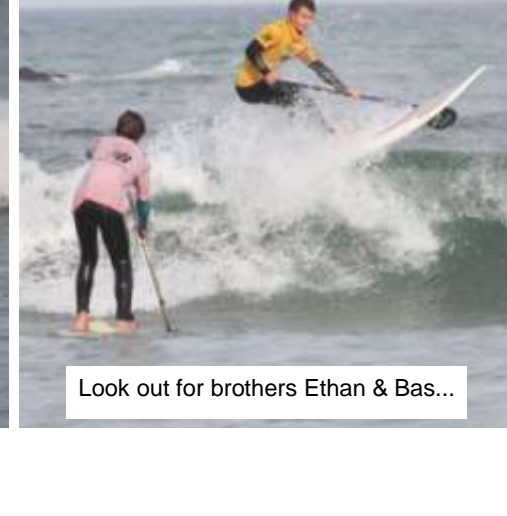
Big Bay Blaster #1 on June 11 with 111 entrants raising over 11111 rands. Cool!



Mommies and Water Women



Winner in the Ladies SUP - Karina



Look out for brothers Ethan & Bas...

This about the SUP heats from Gary van Rooyen @ Coreban:

While the surf and wind did little to assist the day. It was up to the 26 competitors to make the best of it, in 2/3ft cross-shore surf at Big Bay. From the opening round the stand-out riders were undoubtedly eventual Ladies Pevensis winner Karina Figl, Jonno Rossling and Ivan van Vuuren, with some awesome displays of lip-bashing by Pete Peterson and Doc Glen Thompson. Also exciting to see some new faces in the contest arena - Michelle Fourie and Joleen Bilgen who acquitted themselves well in making the women's final, along with Chelsea van Rooyen and Kim Du Venage. There was no Novice division, so the youngsters Bas and Ethan Koopmans as well as new kid on the block Troy Ackerman were fed to the lions. Watch these lads! The seasoned pro's had better be nervous about their futures! In the men's final it was an all Coreban affair with Ivan, Ross Lahana and Jonno playing games in the surf until Gary van Rooyen bagged the set of the day (2 and a half footer) and managed to blast his 8ft Vibe over a cheeky lip. A great event and wonderful to be a part of the WOWees charity event. Thanks to sponsors COREBAN, NEW BALANCE AND XPRESSION.

WOWees refuse to be judged

After a warm up session with UltraMel, the WOWees wearing their hoodies and identical rash vests strolled off into the icy atlantic and the only chance that the judges had to tell them apart was by their individual styles and tricks, (of which there were many). Ingrid's 30 degree turn had many in awe (others found it amusing), Ann's knock out and ride'em'over trick was spectacular and left many underwater gasping, Emma's attempt to ride 'drop knee' was quite good, but her 'drop off' was a lot better, while several showed how good they were at 'drop in', Irene (who joined the WOWees for the first time, Big Welcome Here) managed to keep her head above water, (most of the time), most showed excellent skills at playing dodge and everyone's ability at 'obstacle course riding' was brilliant. No injuries. Well done to you all for a spectacular display of FUN!



A BIG thank you to Jen, who without her connection to WPBA, this whole event would probably never have happened. Anyone watching Jen on the day, would also have realised that she worked real hard too! Thank you to WPBA: for judging the event; Coreban: for changing your plans around to be part of the Big Bay Blaster; to our auction item donors: Surf Zone, Ann Gadd and Mechele from Fine Wines; main sponsors: Glider Eyewear, Blue Teahupoo, In Touch Outdoors, DigiGraphix, Redeo Rentals, Prime Administration, Gavin Daniel Photography; all the prize sponsors: for being so generous and making this event so much fun. (The prize giving was held at Capello, which was beautifully ballooned decorated by Lesli, from Balloon Ovation. Apart from the winner's prizes, we had over 30 lucky prizes to give away.); THE Kim: master MC, master marketer and for making it into the masters; all the participants: for supporting this event and making a real difference to the lives of the children @ TLC; the moms and dads, spectators and husbands: for lifting, cheering, carrying poles, tables and for making it to the run; the moms and dads, spectators and husbands: for lifting, cheering, carrying poles, tables and for making it to the run; and last but not least the WOWees: you girls are inspirational!!! As someone mentioned on FB: we are writing some good history on this West Coast of ours! Hats (hoodies) off to you all!

