



**TEAMS PREPARE FOR THE JIM BEAM SURFTAG U.S. SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS
-HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA – NOVEMBER 13-14, 2009-**

The best teams in California gear up for the Jim Beam Surftag U.S. Series Championships in Huntington Beach, November 13th and 14th. Twenty-four teams, in a two day championship finale, will be fighting for a piece of the \$10,000 purse, but only one team will be crowned as the *Best Surf Club in California*.

In the championship round, Powerwaves and bonus points will play a vital role in the competition. Happy Endings from L.A./Malibu, CA capitalized on grabbing extra points, which led to back to back wins in the first two rounds. Happy Endings hopes to add to their success and clean up the series with a championship victory.

With the competition close and \$10,000 on the line, any team has the opportunity to pull out a victory. "The surfing in the qualifying rounds has been out standing. This format is a lot of fun and guys get the heckle each other, but the level of talent has been tremendous and we expect the finals to feature some great surfers and surfing." - Chris Conrad, Jim Beam Surftag Series Director.

Teams like Reef – which won the Oceanside round - FCS Chargers, Purp's Posse, and Team Man Sandwich are some of the other favorites.

The Los Angeles based FCS Chargers have been on the podium every round and look to utilize team member Kyle Knox in the championships, who has the only score of a perfect 10 on a Powerwave thus far in the series. Benji Weatherley and his Man Sandwich team from Encinitas will see if they have the ingredients to improve on their 4th place finish in Oceanside. Sean Hayes's prediction in the early qualifying rounds stands true as his Ventura based Purp's Posse make it to the finals and have a chance to win it all. After crushing the competition by 40 points in the last qualifying round, Team Reef has full momentum as they charge into the Huntington Beach Championships.

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In addition to the \$10,000 prize purse, Jim Beam will salute the Surftag Champions with a mobile billboard featuring the winner's name and image. The billboard route will focus on the teams home town and break.

Confirmed Teams for the Huntington Beach Championships:

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| 1. Happy Endings | Los Angeles/Malibu |
| 2. Westside Connection | Westside |
| 3. FCS Chargers | Los Angeles/San Diego |
| 4. J7 Surfboards | Santa Barbara |
| 5. Team Ma'lolo | South Bay |
| 6. 1,000 Pounds | Huntington Beach |
| 7. Money Makers | Oxnard/Ventura |
| 8. Purp's Posse | Ventura |
| 9. Morro Bay Surf Co. | Morro Bay |
| 10. Old School Warriors | Oxnard/Ventura |
| 11. Reef | Carlsbad/Australia |
| 12. Lost Gruelers | San Clemente |
| 13. Putmeincoach | Dana Point |
| 14. Team Safety | Nor Cal/Santa Cruz |
| 15. State Beach Locals | Carlsbad |
| 16. L.A. City Lifeguards | Los Angeles |
| 17. Rip Curl | San Clemente |
| 18. Plus One Surfboards | Point Loma |
| 19. Man Sandwich | Encinitas |
| 20. Blue Collar Crew | Oceanside |
| 21. Roam | |
| 22. Those Guys | |
| 23. Wildcard | |
| 24. Wildcard | |

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The Jim Beam Surftag is Australia's premier team surfing series with World Tour surfers Mick Fanning (Kirra), Joel Parkinson (Snapper Rocks) and Taj Burrow (Yallingup) representing their local boardriding clubs. The Jim Beam Surftag provides a national competition for boardriding clubs to compete against each other and to determine Australia's No.1 club. The Jim Beam Surftag is run under the popular tag team format with each club represented by five surfers. In relay style each surfer catches three waves and then returns to the beach to tag their team's next surfer. www.globalsurftag.com

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HUNTINGTON BEACH CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE

November 13-14	Jim Beam Surftag Championship Huntington Beach Pier	8am-4pm
November 13	Sharkeez 211 Main St. Huntington Beach, CA 92648	5pm-8pm
November 14	Black Bull Chop House 300 PCH #112 Huntington Beach, CA 92648	5pm-8pm