

Surfers at Cabrillo High Bring New Wave of Culture

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"Stockabocka dude," said senior Brian McNease.

Surfers at Cabrillo High School wake up at the crack of dawn on their weekends to drive nearly an hour away, to spend the day waiting for that perfect wave. Many surfers devote any free time to the beach. Surfing is basically, to many, "a way of life."

"There's nothing else to do and it's challenging," said sophomore Chris Ringhausen.

The city of Lompoc has become the hometown of many surfers. Sophomore Chris and his brother, freshman Mike Ringhausen took on surfing about four years ago.

"I surf a 5'5", my favorite spot is Rincon, and someday I'll become pro," said freshman Mike Ringhausen.

Many locals like to escape and surf the break at Refugio, Jalama, Secrets, and El Capitan. There are various surfing styles and no two surfers are alike.

"There are a lot of posers at our

school and only a small handful are true surfers," said senior Josh Gill. Seventeen-year-old Josh Gill be-

body and soul.

"It's fun, spiritual, artistic, and brings me close to Mother Nature."

Daniel became devoted to surfing.

"I surf for fun, not for comps or any dumb stuff like sponsors or anything like that," said senior Daniel Pierce.

Many surfers say it's easiest to learn how to surf by teaching yourself. Senior, Justin Scott, taught himself after watching various surf videos. Today, the eighteen year old has been surfing for five years and still learns more about surfing everyday.

Surfing is a fast developing sport throughout the city of Lompoc. Many students take on the sport to get away and take their minds off of school.

Senior Brad Beck has taken on the challenging sport for four and a half years now. He enjoys the time he spends surfing. It's a time he spends with his friends.

"Save the waves and ride a surfer," said senior Brad Beck.

Whether you're a beginner or pro, surfing is a challenging, natural sport that almost anyone can take on. So pack up your board and let the wave guide you.



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Surfs Up: Local surfers spend much of their time surfing at Jalama and Refugio beaches, on waves like this.

gan surfing seven years ago. Josh enjoys surfing whenever he doesn't have to work.

Many surfers view the sport as an addiction. Surfing possesses a vibe, which relieves stress of the

I encourage others to do it," said sophomore Geoff Rivera.

Daniel Pierce, a senior attending Cabrillo High School began surfing five years ago. After learning on a fun shape at Refugio,

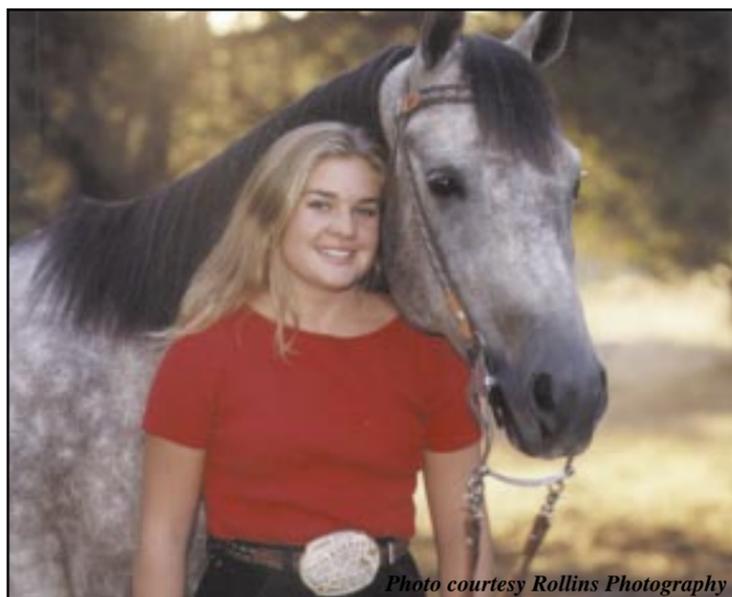


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Giddy Up: Senior Katie Osberg enjoys giving horseback riding lessons and competing in the horse show circuit in her free time.

Hold Your Horses: Young Rider Shows Her Talent

• For this award winning horse rider, home is where the horse is.

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Although some may think kindergarten is young, Katie Osberg has been riding horses competitively since she was five years old.

In the summer of 2000, Osberg won the all around at the Old Spanish Days Fiesta Stock Horse Show in the reigned cow horse class.

Her current horse, Tuffy, is about six years old and has one eye.

"He knocked out his eye when he

was three months old and has had a glass eye ever since," Osberg said.

"I learn as I am teaching the novices."

Even though having a horse with a glass eye is high maintenance, Osberg says she enjoys every minute she spends with him.

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-Katie Osberg

Katie plans to continue to compete in the horse show circuit. In March, the new show season begins.

After she gradu-

Besides riding horses, Osberg has also been giving riding lessons for about five years now. She says that she likes to give lessons because,

ates from Cabrillo, Osberg would like to go to college and become an English professor.

Grinding Down The Competition

Sheena Struble

Layout Designer

Ollies, tailslides, stalefishes and halfpipes...what's there not to like about skateboarding? Skateboarders are dedicated and take pride in the healthy and practical sport that they practice. However, a lack of outlets for their fetish is a huge problem that they are forced to face.

"Many see them as a dying breed, not people killing it and pushing vert skating to new levels, but because access to vert ramps is not nearly as

common as good street terrain is," says Lance Dalgart, a reporter for www.skateboarding.com.

Although the resources for skateboarders may be limited, there are many ways for them to exercise their talents.

From February 16-18, at the Del Mar fairgrounds, in Del Mar, California, the San Diego Action Sports and Fitness Show was hosted. This event consisted of hundreds of exhibits dedicated to the extreme-sport life-style.

Also, from March 23-25, ESPN World Cup Skateboarding will host an invitational pro-street vert contest at Edison Field in Anaheim, California. Skateboarding, biking

and rollerblading will be featured in this event, with invitational amateur contests for skateboarding and biking only.

Other skateboarding proceedings and skate parks are located widely across the country (over 1,000 skate parks nationally). For more information about the parks and event listings, visit www.vans.com, www.skateboarding.com, or www.wcsk8.com on-line.



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